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THE LAST ships involved in the conflict in Iraq returned home to Portsmouth and Devonport last month.

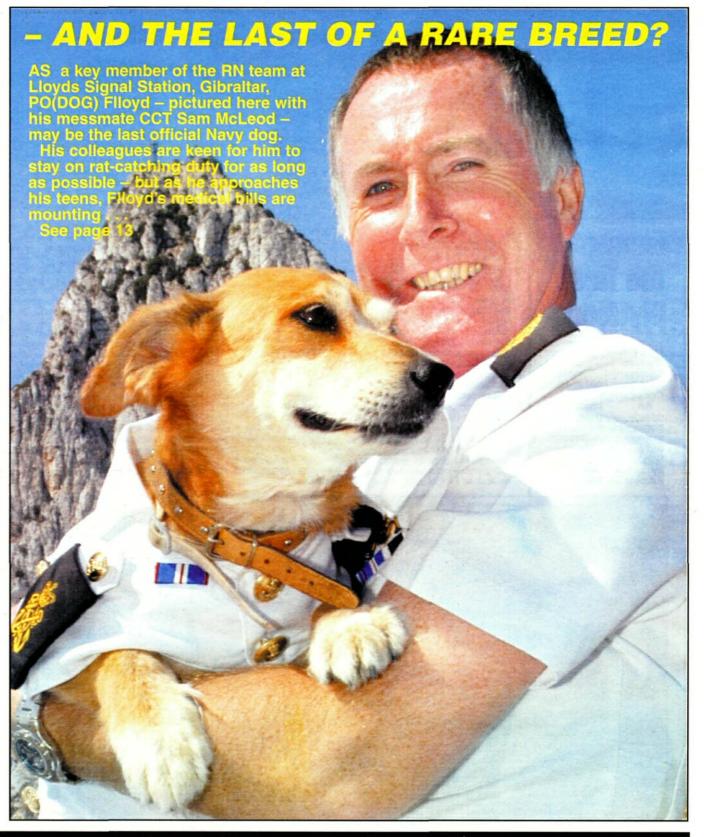
Two of them – Type 42 destroyer HMS Liverpool and Type 23 frigate HMS Marlborough – had crucial roles in the early stages of the Coalition assault on the Al Faw peninsula.

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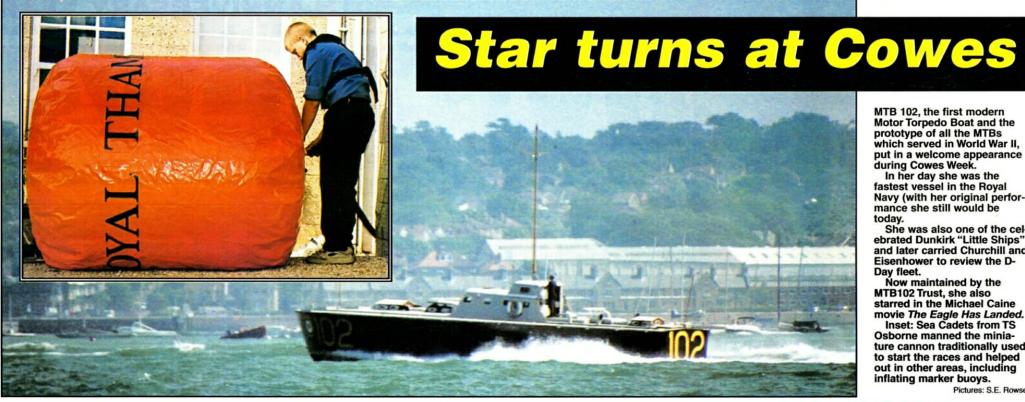
air defence ship meant she was required to stand by the flagship, aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal, to protect her from attacks which fortunately never materialised.

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MTB 102, the first modern Motor Torpedo Boat and the prototype of all the MTBs which served in World War II, put in a welcome appearance

during Cowes Week. In her day she was the fastest vessel in the Royal Navy (with her original performance she still would be today.

She was also one of the celebrated Dunkirk "Little Ships" and later carried Churchill and Eisenhower to review the D-Day fleet.

Now maintained by the MTB102 Trust, she also starred in the Michael Caine

movie The Eagle Has Landed. Inset: Sea Cadets from TS Osborne manned the miniature cannon traditionally used to start the races and helped out in other areas, including inflating marker buoys.

# RND memorial returns to its original site

WORK is now well in hand to reinstate the Royal Naval Division Memorial to its original site on Horse Guards Parade.

### First at the first **Divisions**

FIRST ever Maritime Warfare School Ceremonial Divisions have been held at HMS Collingwood.

impressive parade of over 1,000 personnel, drawn from various units throughout the Fareham School, was inspected by First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Alan West.

The fountain has been dismantled at Greenwich and is now stored prior to re-erection

on its original plinth.

It will be rededicated in the presence of Prince Michael of Kent on November 13 – the Regimental Day of the RND and the anniversary of their great successful extract on the Area during cessful attack on the Ancre during the latter stages of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 – at 11am.

It is not expected that there will be any limitations on numbers for the ceremony, but for security rea-sons attendance will be by ticket.

Requests for invitations to Lt Cdr Peter Nicholson, Organiser for the RND Memorial Rededication Ceremony, HMS President, 72 St Katherine's Way, London E1W 9UQ. The Treasurer, RND Memorial Appear, HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Hants PO2 8ER.

Lt Cdr Nicholson would also like to contact any surviving relatives of CPO George Prowse, VC, DSM of Drake Battalion, RND, from Landore near Swansea. Prowse won his VC in France in

1918 and was killed in action not

HMS Collingwood is to hold the opening ceremony of its new Prowse Building on September 17 and any of his family are invited to attend. Contact Lt Cdr Nicholson in this instance on 0208 348 2847.

More than 40 per cent of RN casualties in World War I were suffered, not at sea, but in the trenches by the sailors and Marines of the RND. It's most famous name was

### **Marines** to get 'go anywhere' smart rocket

THE MOD is looking into ways of providing the UK's Armed Forces with a unique new lightweight artillery system that can fire powerful missiles with pin-point accuracy at up to twice the range of existing rockets.

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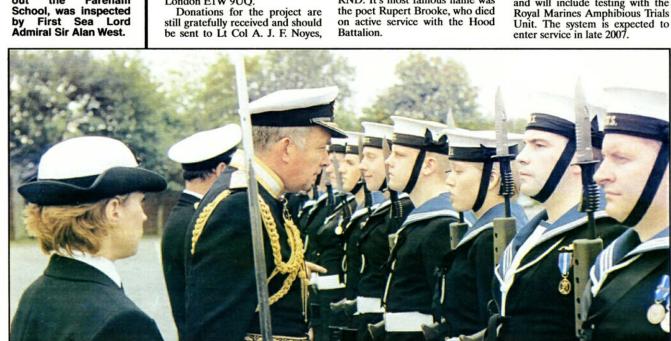
The £100m system, known as the Lightweight Mobile Artillery System (Rocket), will give the UK's light forces like the Royal Marines a major advantage on the battlefield.

It is light enough to be transported by Chinook or Hercules, but powerful enough to launch precision Global Positioning System guided rockets to ranges of growth that follows: more than 60km.

The lightweight LIMAWS(R) vehicles will each carry six rockets, ten times more accurate than existing rocket systems.

An assessment phase contract has been awarded Bedfordshire-based INSYS Ltd. been

This will see the design, build and trial of a systems demonstra-tor before work begins on final development in the next two years and will include testing with the Royal Marines Amphibious Trials



### **FIGUREHEADS**



#### HMS ROYAL WILLIAM

STANDING over 13ft high, this impressive full-length figurehead is one of the most important Naval carvings to

have survived.

'King Billy' stands at the extreme southernmost tip of the South Yard at Devonport, looking out over the Hamoaze, and represents King William IV, the original 'Sailor King'

Born in 1765, William was the third son of George III and, as Duke of Clarence, succeeded his brother George IV. He entered the Navy in 1779 (Nelson was a friend after whose death he would claim to loved like a brother)) and by 1811 had reached the rank of Admiral, seeing service in America and the West Indies.

HMS Royal William was the second vessel of the name in the Royal Navy, a 120-gun 1st rate of the St George Class of 1819. The order to build was issued in 1823, but the keel was not laid until 1825, at Pembroke Docks.

She was launched on April 2, 1833 and after seeing service in the Baltic from 1854, by 1859 she was undocked and

cut down in size to a screw line of battle ship of 72 guns. It is believed the figurehead could date from this period, carved by Frederick Dickson for the rebuild of 1860 at a cost of just £35.

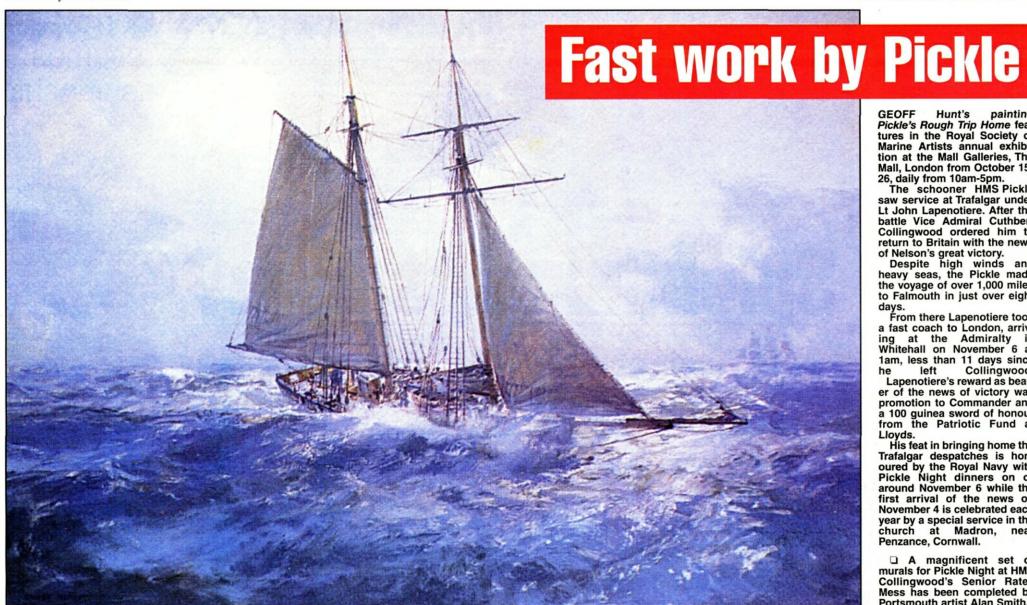
By 1885 she was well obsolete and hulked at Chatham. The Navy looked around for a new use for her, renamed her in 1886 and used her as a training ship until she was accidentally destroyed by fire on the Mersey on

A photograph of the figurehead appeared in the 1884 issue of the Navy and Army Illustrated, showing that it must have been removed from the vessel at the time of the re-naming and placed in its present location.

During the bombing of the yard in 1941, it was shaken from its plinth on several occasions. The original sword seen in the left hand was 'acquired' as a souvenir by a party of US servicemen and had to be replaced with a

In his magnificently carved robes of state and decorations, 'King Billy' now marks the southern limit of Devonport Dockyard, at Mutton Cove.

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Hunt's Pickle's Rough Trip Home fea tures in the Royal Society of Marine Artists annual exhibition at the Mall Galleries, The Mall, London from October 15-26, daily from 10am-5pm. The schooner HMS Pickle

saw service at Trafalgar under Lt John Lapenotiere. After the battle Vice Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood ordered him to return to Britain with the news

of Nelson's great victory.

Despite high winds and heavy seas, the Pickle made the voyage of over 1,000 miles to Falmouth in just over eight days.

From there Lapenotiere took a fast coach to London, arriv-ing at the Admiralty in Whitehall on November 6 at 1am, less than 11 days since he left Collingwood.

Lapenotiere's reward as bearer of the news of victory was promotion to Commander and a 100 guinea sword of honour from the Patriotic Fund at

Lloyds. His feat in bringing home the Trafalgar despatches is hon-oured by the Royal Navy with Pickle Night dinners on or around November 6 while the first arrival of the news on November 4 is celebrated each year by a special service in the church at Madron, near

☐ A magnificent set of murals for Pickle Night at HMS Collingwood's Senior Rates Mess has been completed by Portsmouth artist Alan Smith.

Penzance, Cornwall.

# 'Serious steps' needed to beat surge in piracy

VIOLENT pirate attacks are at an all-time high, according to the ICC International Maritime Bureau, with those employing guns and knives the most numerous since statistics were first compiled 12 years ago.

In June Navy News reported 28 attacks in Indonesian waters in the first quarter of 2003 - the largest figure for any single country.

But the number of reported

piracy attacks worldwide in the first six months is now said to have risen by 37 per cent to 234 com-pared with 171 during the corresponding period in 2002.

In its Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships report the IMB lists a total of 234 attacks. The level of violence used shows an even sharper surge, however, with 16 seafarers killed and 52 injured, up from six killed and 21 injured in the same period.

boarded in Snips were instances and nine ships were hijacked.

'This quarter's statistics show that levels of violence have increased significantly," warns IMB Director Capt Pottengal

Mukundan,
"A ship's officer on board a tanker off Santos, Brazil was shot in the head and killed. Crew members have been abducted for ransom off Nigeria and a vessel was run aground.

chemical tanker off Indonesia was fired at by automatic weapons in an effort to force it to stop. One of the ship's engineers was shot and had to be evacuated for emergency hospital treatment.

"It is vital that coastal states in these and other risk-prone areas deploy patrol vessels capable of



Capt Pottengal Mukundan

dealing with these incidents and ensure that these criminals do not treat these waters as a pirate's charter. We would like to see the arrest and prosecution of these gangs."

Again Indonesia recorded the highest number of attacks, accounting for over one quarter of the world total with 64 incidents. Some 43 ships were boarded, four ships were hijacked and attempted attacks were made on another 17

It was also the location where the greatest violence was experienced, with many of the pirates armed with guns and knives.

The IMB says there are no signs that the number of attacks will drop unless Indonesia takes "serious steps" to address the problem

Among other areas, Bangladesh witnessed a doubling of attacks, up to 23 from 11 in 2002. Third place in the 2003 table goes to Nigeria and India, with 18 attacks each, up from 8 and 12 respectively in 2002.

A few areas that saw a down-turn in activity were Ecuador, Guyana and Singapore Straits.

The figures showed an increased use of violence during attacks, particularly the rising number of instances where firearms were used instead of knives.

The number of attacks using guns rose from 31 to 53 and the number using knives from 57 to 80. Attacks with guns and knives rose to the highest number since the statistics were first compiled in 1991. Incidents of crew taken hostage almost doubled to

The report identifies 26 ports and anchorages most prone to attacks. Chittagong, Lagos, Cochin, Chennai, Dakar and Rio Haina continued to record higher numbers of attacks.
"The intelligence provided by

the IMB to law enforcement agencies is now precise and contempo-raneous," added Capt Mukundan.

"Law enforcement agencies can thus increase their presence in high risk areas to prevent the loss of life and injury to seamen that we have seen in the first six months of this year."

### **ELEPHANT MEMORIES**

SECOND Sea Lord Vice Admiral James Burnell-Nugent and his Command Warrant Officer WO(AWW) Eddie Seaborne have visited HMS Ganges Museum - both have close ties with the famous (infamous, some would say) boys training establishment at Shotley,

Admiral Burnell Nugent's father was Staff Officer there and his father before him was Captain of Ganges, while WO Seaborne was a Boy Seaman Second Class in one of the last

classes to pass through in the early 1970s.

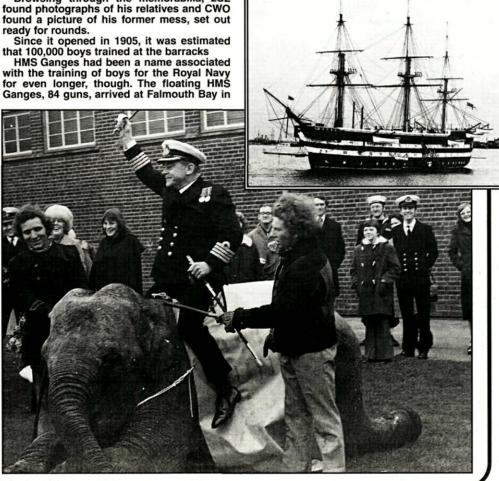
The pair were met by Museum Curator Ron
Catchpole and the last Captain of Ganges
before its closure in 1976, Capt Murray Dunlop.

Browsing through the memorabilia, 2SL found photographs of his relatives and CWO found a picture of his former mess, set out

1866 with 180 boys to begin a new role - one that became associated with toughness and

The Ganges style for turning boys into men produced many successes - several rose to the rank of admiral.

● FLASHBACK: Capt Murray Dunlop marks his 100th Passing Out parade as last CO of HMS Ganges by jumping astride an elephant (the symbol of Ganges). 'Maureen', a 12-year-old two-tonner hired from a local circus, took part in the march past and returned the Captain's salute by standing on her head. Inset: the second HMS Ganges moored off Harwich in 1900.



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Splendid slips away

for her final journey

### Harriers go East for **Flying Fish**

SIX Sea Harriers of 800 Naval Air Squadron took part in Exercise Flying Fish in Malaysia.

While flying to Malaysia, the squadron made use of the RAF VC10 'tanker trail', established in support of the Gulf War.

Part of their journey took them out into the unpredictable weather systems of the Indian Ocean, and during the turbulent four-hour water crossing one aircraft was twice struck by lightning. Flying Fish was a three-week

exercise involving ten Australian F-18Ds, seven Malaysian MiG-29s, eight Hawk 108s and 208s, four Royal Malaysian Air Force F-18As, five Sea Harriers and several Singaporean Air Force aircraft.

Each RN pilot faced the MiG 29 in combat and found the Sea Harrier to be a good match - thanks to their Blue Vixen radar, the Sea Harrier won every time in beyond visual range engagements, and also scored some notable successes when converting to the visual fighting arena.

During a four-day break from the exercise - a key component in the Five Powers Defence Arrangement between the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia - some squadron members travelled to the capital Kuala Lumpur, while some went south to Singapore.

#### **Bomb detonated**

A TEAM of Royal Navy divers from Southern Diving Unit 2 safely blew up a huge German wartime

bomb discovered off Southend.

The three-strong team travelled from Portsmouth with a police escort to help them through the rush-hour traffic on the M25 after fishing boat Twilight Star came across the 850kg bomb in her nets. The Navy team managed to

have a good look at the bomb before nightfall, then lowered the device back to the seabed for safety until the following day.

The next morning the bomb was recovered and towed eastwards to the Shoeburyness Ranges, around three miles out to sea, where the bomb was successfully detonated.

#### Stores at speed

ROLLS-ROYCE has launched designs for a powerful logistics ship which could support rapid

response forces.

The Fast Naval Sea-Lift Vessel would carry 2,500 tonnes of cargo over 3,000 nautical miles at 40 knots - almost twice the current

capability.

The new ships would be powered by three MT30s – a marine version of the Trent gas turbine



• The blazing dhow Fate al Rahman is approached by the RFA

HUNTER-killer submarine HMS Splendid has sailed from her home at

Faslane for the last time after 22 years

The Swiftsure-class nuclear submarine made a final trip to Devonport, where she will begin the decommissioning process. She has just one more official duty to per-

form before her reactor is switched off for the last time – if weather and sea conditions are suitable, she will take part in towing tri-

als 20 miles out to sea to validate contin-

gency plans which have been created using

Splendid's crew paraded at the tradition-

al decommissioning ceremony held at Clyde

Naval Base a few days before she departed.
One of the six admirals at the ceremony
was Flag Officer Scotland, Northern
England and Northern Ireland (FOSNNI),
Rear Admiral Nick Harris, who served as

the first navigator of the boat and saw action with her in the Falklands campaign of 1982.

Splendid had the honour of being the first British submarine to be fitted for Tomahawk cruise missiles, and was the first boat to fire

them in anger during the Kosovo campaign

in 1999. She also fired them during her final patrol, in the campaign against Saddam

Her Commanding Officer, Cdr Paul Burke, said: "It is sad to be leaving Faslane after all the marvellous times we have spent

"The local teams from HM Naval Base

Clyde have given us extraordinary support, from engineers, maintainers and tug boat

drivers ensuring the boat was ready for operations, to the hotel services staff who have fed and housed us ashore when the

As Splendid left, with her 45-metre decommissioning pennant fluttering in the breeze, engineers were hard at work build-

ing the Astute trainer, and planning is under way for new jetties which will handle the

new class of submarine currently in build in

boat has been alongside.'

Barrow-in-Furness.

service in the Royal Navy.

computers and a scale model.

### **RFA ship rescues sailors**

RFA TANKER Brambleleaf has picked up the survivors of a blazing dhow in the Arabian Gulf.

The British ship was passing through the northern end of the Gulf when her crew spotted a plume of smoke on the horizon. Brambleleaf altered course to

investigate, and found a cargo dhow blazing furiously, with a small boat standing a mile off.

The ship's weapons crews stood ready as the tanker cautiously approached the boat, but it soon ecame clear that the people in the boat were in need of assistance.

Once it had been established

Brambleleaf's crash boat was launched, and found 12 survivors from the dhow - the Indian cap-tain and 11 Pakistani crewmen -

and all were in good health, apart from shock and dehydration.

The crash boat returned to the tanker to collect water and basic rations while the tanker's officers made enquiries with authorities ashore about the fate of the men, then they were brought to the RFA ship, offered food, showers, a change of clothes and comfortable bunks, and they were then taken to their original port of departure -Dubai in the United Arab

### Cornwall resumes as flagship

FRIGATE HMS Cornwall has sailed to resume her role as flagship of the NATO Atlantic maritime force following a break in her home base at Devonport.

The Type 22 warship headed first for London, where her Commanding Officer Capt Simon Charlier received the Freedom of

the City.

Then it was on to operational exercises based in the Baltic,

including an equipment trial.

Between exercises the frigate is due to visit a number of Scandinavian ports, and once she has completed her final exercise later this month she heads south to the Mediterranean to return to the Standing Naval Force Atlantic (SNFL), currently engaged in the

campaign against global terrorism. Cornwall is due to hand over

Cornwall is due to nand over her flagship duties to sister ship HMS Campbeltown next month.

The frigate originally sailed from the West Country in March to join the NATO task group, and has since worked alongside ships from Spain Germany Portugal from Spain, Germany, Portugal and the United States.

The force is under the command of Commodore Richard Ibbotson, embarked in Cornwall.

### Royals foil Gulf oil smugglers

A TEAM of Royal Marines from

HMS Sutherland have seized a ship smuggling oil out of Iraq.

The mv Navstar I had been under observation by Coalition forces in international waters in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

The Royals went in and secured the ship, handing it over to a crew from the American frigate USS Rodney M Davis.

They ordered the ship's crew to

take her to the port of Umm Qasr,

where her crew were handed over to the Iraqi authorities.

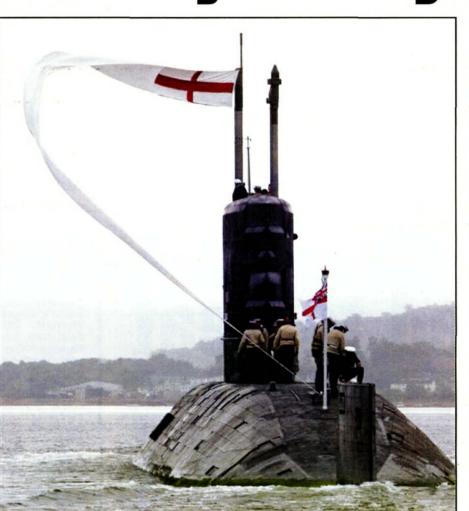
The 1,100 tonnes of oil recovered, worth around £200,000 on the open market, would have been sold on the black market and the profits pocketed by smugglers and their contacts.

Although Saddam Hussein's regime has gone, Coalition warships are still watching for smugglers as they are now cheating the

Iraqi nation out of oil revenue.

It is estimated that more than 2,000 tonnes of oil is lost to the country ever day – the equivalent of more than 150 road tankers.

HMS Sutherland is the Navy's Armilla Patrol ship, with duties including checking shipping for illegal cargoes and making good-will visits to Gulf ports.



HMS Splendid leaves Faslane for the last time, flying her decommissioning pennant

### Omani navy chief visits UK

THE Commander of the koya. Navy of Oman has visited Portsmouth and Dartmouth during a visit connected with bids for the Project Khareef programme for offshore patrol vessels (OPVs). Vosper Thornycron and AMS are bidding and made formal presentations to Rear Admiral Sayyid Shihab Bin Tariq Bin Taimur Al Said during his visit to the Seath Coast the South Coast.



OM(C)s Caroline Davies and Mark Brazier outside Westminster underground station Picture: PO(PHOT) Flo Foord (FPU)

Tyne scores a double NEW River-class patrol ship HMS Tyne is making her presence felt she has already managed the rare

feat of two boardings at the same The ship, one of a fleet of three leased from VT (Maritime Affairs) by the Navy for fishery protection duties within the UK's fishing limits, has achieved 280 boardings in

seven months, and can deploy up

to three boarding parties and two

detained by Tyne were brought back into Portsmouth for further investigation by officials from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Sister ship HMS Severn is due to conduct her first operational patrol this month, and the final ship of the trio, HMS Mersey, is currently in build.

The new ships are a major advance in comfort, speed and capability on the old Island-class The two French stern trawlers fleet which they are replacing.

### **Capital visit for frigate**

ONE of the Royal Navy's more unusual affiliations was further cemented when a mural was unveiled at Westminster underground station.

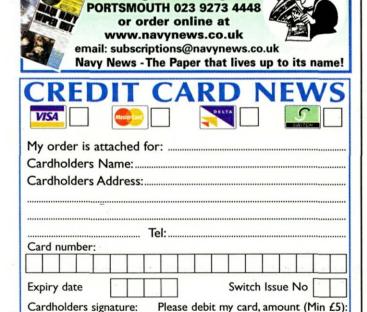
The tube station enjoys an active link with Type 23 frigate HMS Westminster, which was berthed in the heart of London

on an official visit at the time.
The striking 10ft by 5ft multilayered illuminated mural, featuring a montage of images of the ship and station, is in the busy station's ticket hall, and was provided as a joint venture

by the Directorate of Corporate Communications (Navy) and London Underground.

The frigate's Commanding Officer, Cdr Mike McCartain, explained a strong link in the affiliation: "This impressive station and HMS Westminster both need high-calibre people to make them run effectively."
There are also plans for an

annual award for outstanding contribution by a member of staff in the station and one of the ship's company.



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### Ships of the Royal Navy No 574

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# Rosalie makes her name

NE of 14 Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels to take part in the war against Saddam Hussein, RFA Fort Rosalie is no stranger to service in the front line – but under her former name of Fort Grange.

The year 2000 saw the change of title in order to lessen confusion with the replenishment ship RFA Fort George.

In the recent Operation Telic, RFA Fort Rosalie kept the Coalition Maritime Forces and British Forces ashore in Iraq supplied with ammunition, stores and food. During this period, Fort Rosalie remained in the Northern Gulf, close to the shore.

Fort Rosalie was despatched in haste from the UK – a late addition to the main Task Group – and eventually joining up with her fellow ships in the Red Sea.

At one time the RFA ship was

meant to have deployed with the original Naval Task Group 2003 (NTG03), but when that group was reduced in size Fort Rosalic returned to the UK, arriving back in Scotland at the end of May.

The ship is now due to take part in Exercise Northern Lights this autumn, after a period of maintenance, and scheduled to carry out Operational Flying Training with Naval helicopter squadrons.

Naval helicopter squadrons.

As Fort Grange, the RFA won battle honours in the Falklands Conflict, and saw service in the Gulf War in the early 1990s. She has also served in the Adriatic in support of UN Forces in the former Yugoslavia, and spent three years based at the Croatian port of Split supporting British and Allied Forces ashore.

Both Fort Rosalie and her sister ship Fort Austin are 'dry stores' supply ships, keeping Naval warships provided with food, spare parts and ammunition while under

Stores are transferred through the replenishment at sea (RAS) process – a cable rigged between RFA and warship as both steam



RFA Fort Rosalie operating with a helicopter

along side-by-side.

Fort Rosalie is fitted with a large flight deck and can provide hangar space for up to four Sea King helicopters – which can also be used to re-supply warships in a Task Group by means of vertical replenishment (or VERTREP).

These helicopters also give the RFA ship the flexibility of acting as an independent force unit in the anti-submarine or commando role.

The Fort-class names began

from an earlier group of RFAs that operated in World War II named after forts in Canada.

The previous Fort Rosalie was built in Montreal in November 1944, but was not broken up until March 1973.

#### BATTLE HONOURS

South Atlantic .....1982 (as Fort Grange)

### **Facts and figures**

Class: Fleet Support Stores ship Pennant number: A385

Builder: Scotts Entered service: 1978 Lloyds classification: +100A1

Port of registry: London Displacement: 23,384 tonnes Length: 185.1m Breadth: 24m Draught: 9m Speed: 18 knots (normal); 22 knots (max)
Complement: 105 RFA; 32 civilian stores personnel
Propulsion: Sulzer 8 SRN
D90; one 1,500hp bow thruster
Designed power: 23,200hp
Landing platforms: Main and auxiliary flight decks each have one spot for Sea King or Lynx

Lynx Flight deck letters: FE

### AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL NAVY No 83



The Supermarine Sea Otter ASRII

Picture: Fleet Air Arm Museum

### Supermarine Sea Otter

THE LAST of the biplanes to serve in the Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm, the Supermarine Sea Otter for all its abilities seems to have appeared at the wrong time to really make its mark in Naval aircraft history.

As a replacement for the Walrus, the mid-

As a replacement for the Walrus, the mid-1940s amphibian aircraft was sleeker, with better speed, range and water-handling characteristics than her predecessor – but her days were numbered.

The helicopter was to become the vehicle of choice for the Sea Otter's roles of air-sea rescue and communications, and in 1950 a gradual phasing-out began that saw the end of amphibian aircraft in the Navy's service.

The first prototype for the class (originally to have been named Stingray) took to the skies in August 1938, but it was some time before the Saunders-Roe factory on the Isle of Wight went into production on the finished version. In total some 290 Sea Otters were built until the manufacture was called to a halt in July 1946.

The first Sea Otter rolled off the production line in July 1943, and No.1700 Squadron at Lee-on-Solent welcomed the first six to their unit in November 1944.

Able to operate from both carriers and shore establishments, the amphibian aircraft was built with a metal hull and composite wings, with a fabric covering. Depending on situation, the Sea Otter operated with a crew of either three or four: a pilot, an observer and up to two passengers.

A Bristol Mercury XXX radial engine with 855hp powered the aircraft that had a cruising speed of 100mph – this could be ratcheted up to 150mph at 5,000ft. Under normal circumstances the range of the Sea Otter covered 565 miles but this could be extended to a maximum of 725 miles.

The aircraft carried two Vickers K machine guns amidships and one in the bows. Its wings spanned 46ft and with its biplane superstructure the aircraft stood tall at 16ft 2in.

Sea Otters operated from a number of squadrons including 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 772 and 781. 1703 was a particularly unlucky unit; it formed on August 1, 1945, with six Sea Otters for service in the Pacific but the aircraft proved problematic with corroded bolts and engine failures – disbandment on September 18 was not a cause for overwhelming regret.

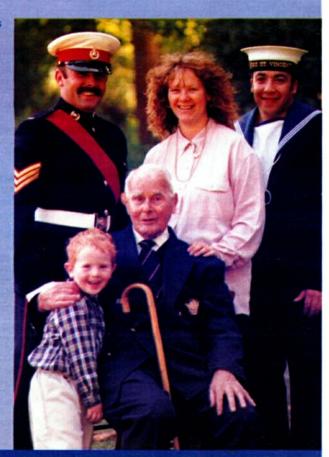
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### One more Exeter

IN THE June issue of your really wonderful publication you had a small item on page 6 Seven still

I have a dear old friend who served two commissions in HMS Exeter from 1936 until her return to the UK after the Battle of the River Plate.

He is Eric Jackson and I am sure he was a corporal in the RM Band. He was demobbed in 1952 as Bandmaster.

He has just had his 90th birthday – his wife is a Falklands lady and they have been wed over

He told me his Action Stations was in the transmitter room and they were trapped in there for several hours. He is still upright like a good bootneck always w R. Benda, Lower Hutt, New

### **Positive** proof



MY AUGUST edition tells me that HMS Loch Inch was the last ship to visit the Andaman Islands in 1955.

Enclosed is a photo of me during the visit of HMS Caesar to Port Blair in 1962.

Keep up the good work - my copy is read by five other ex-matelots and enjoyed by all. If any other ex-Caesars get in touch, let me know so I can invite them to Scarborough in September. – W. Lee, Bradford RNA.

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# **Brighton kids** 'unwell' after Eagle's party

I SAW in your June issue the two souvenirs of the Queen's Coronation and I enclose another you might like to see.

It is an invitation to a children's party on board HMS Eagle which was anchored off Brighton in June

It says: "It will be necessary to bring this card with you to allow you aboard – so don't forget it!"

I was 12 at the time and went to Elm Grove Junior

At midday we all trooped off down to Middle Street School just off the sea front where we met all the other children who were to go on the Eagle.

From there we went on to Palace Pier to catch the boats that took us out to the ship.

Then we had the party what a feast!

We left around 6p.m. and some of the kids were not very well going back ashore - serve them right for eating too

Ah, those were the days . . .

I have a Navy record of my namesake who served on board the second Victoria and Albert vacht from 1881-97. He was a PO 1st Class Rigger. - J. Type, Andover.



### Mystery solved

I REFER to the letter from Mr S. Jones concerning the presence of U 219 at Batavia in October 1945

('Mystery U-boat', June issue).

U219 was a Type XB
minelayer/supply boat built by
Krupp Germania, Kiel, launched October 1942 commissioned in December that

In August 1944, under the command of Korvettenkapitan Walter Burghagen, U 219 sailed from Bordeaux to Djakarta, there to act in the transport role.

At the end of the European

war, U 219 was seized by Japan in May 1945 and impressed into

Japanese service as I-505.

The boat is reputed to have surrendered to US naval forces at Djakarta in August 1945.

There is some evidence to suggest that the boat was scuttled by British forces in February 1946 position 06°31S/104°54E - P. G. White, Maidenhead, Berks.

### Glider bomb that was Egret's nemesis

I WAS delighted to see the excellent illustration of HMS Egret (June issue).

It is the first reference I have seen of Egret, although I have

seen of Egret, although I have searched Navy News and 'At Your Service' for shipmates and reunions for many years.

The trouble is that she had a relatively short life. Built by Whites of Cowes and designed specifically for RN service in the Red Sea, she was commissioned in 1938 and when I joined her as an ABCW candidate she still had a very large percentage of her very large percentage of her original regular RN crew aboard, all good shipmates.

When she was sunk by the airto-ground missile, I believe there were only two or three survivors.

At the RAF Museum at Cosford there is an example of the radiocontrolled glider bomb launched from a Focke-Wulf Condor that

There is a book, Destroyer Captain, in which there are two photographs, one of her blowing up, one of her lying inverted on the surface with her Asdic dome

During my time in her we were engaged on South Atlantic convoy escorts as Senior Officer Escorts out of Londonderry to Gambia, West Africa and return. - F. G. H. Hawkins, Guildford

### Decoy's no dead duck

ON AUGUST 7 2003 the Peruvian Navy celebrated the 50th birthday of HMS Decoy - renamed Ferre when taken over by them in

In fact it was on the 7th August that year that the Peruvian flag was raised. Decoy was launched on March 29, 1949 and commissioned on April 28, 1953.

I believe she is the oldest ex-RN destroyer still at sea.
Unfortunately none of our club members were at the celebrations, but I sent a letter on their behalf to the Captain of the Ferre to be read out during the official part of the proceedings. – J. W. Harvey, Secretary HMS Decoy 106

I BROUGHT my model of HMS Decoy to Portsmouth when I attended the annual reunion of the Daring Class Association – and met up with Keith Carne of X turret, among others.

I served in her in 1957-58, first in the Mediterranean and then off Iceland, keeping Thor and Odin away from our fishing

I then stayed with her during the following refit when a Seacat mounting was fitted along with other

For me the Darings were some of the smartest and most businesslike-looking ships and ours one of the

Decoy, renamed Ferre, is still in service with the Peruvian Navy. It would be nice to have another Decoy in the new D-Class. – J. E. Turner, Addlestone, Surrey.

 DECOY MODELS: Exstoker mechanic James Turner (right) with (right) shipmate Keith Inset: HMS Decoy Plymouth in 1962



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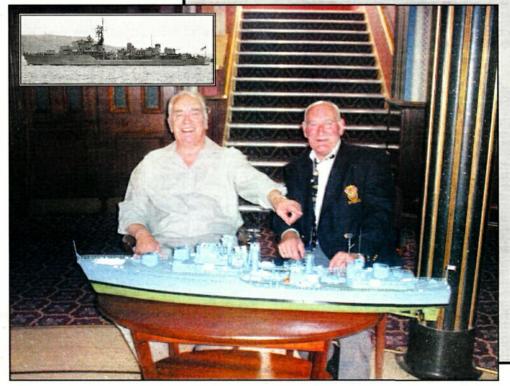
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Letters





I HAVE a photograph of sailors marching over a bridge in front of a Mk IV tank. Was this a victory parade?

The suggested location is one of the bridges over the Rhine at Cologne, but I may be

The sailors are wearing straw hats. When did they go out of use? I thought they were tropical rig and went out after the Naval Brigade used them during the Boer War. - S. Houghton, Sutton St Nicholas, Herefordshire.

Straw sennet hats (modeled here c 1896) were not actually withdrawn until 1921. The pith helmets that replaced them in tropical climates lasted until about 1942. – Ed



Ashby-de-la-Launde.

Too close for comfort

DUE to the current climate, and the ever increasing

temperature rises due to global warming, would it not

The wearing of the white shirt with thick woollen trousers does nothing to cool the body during hot summer periods. It does quite the opposite, leaving the individual looking an untidy, sweaty mess.

Would it not be more practical to introduce a 'tropics-style' rig, consisting of shorts and lightweight shirt for the hotter periods of the summer?

This would ensure that ratings and ranks of the Royal

This would ensure that ratings and ranks of the Royal Navy worked feeling comfortable, while retaining a debonair appearance. – POCT S. Pryce, RAF Digby,

be an excellent idea to revise Summer Rig?

# RN Mossies kept biting in the jet age

MEMORIES of the De Havilland Mosquito were revived by July's Aircraft of the Royal Navy No 81. As a 16-year-old boy my bedroom in the village of The Lizard, Cornwall, looked out over the RAF Predannack airfield and I saw many a Mosquito land and take off.

Arrow in mind 60 years on

AUGUST 4 saw the 60th anniversary of when the destroyer HMS Arrow destroyer HMS Arrow was very badly damaged in Algiers Bay while fighting a fire in an ammunition ship.

There were 29 shipmates killed plus some Army personnel and over 100 injured.

I was Officers' Chef in Arrow and I was one of the injured.

After spending nearly two years with those shipmates it was a sad finish, but they will never be forgotten. — W. G. Grainger, Ipswich.

• HMS Arrow in 1942

I joined the Fleet Air Arm in 1945 and in 1947/48 was stationed at RAF Thorney Island with 703

Naval Air Sea Warfare
Development Unit.
We had one of each type of
Naval aircraft including a
Mosquito, generally flown by a
very smart Royal Marine Captain by name of Griffiths.

The Mosquito was not an easy aircraft for an armourer to work on, as I recall. – Bill Dennis, Mullion, Cornwall.

THE Mosquito TR.33 sol-diered on in second-line FAA squadron use until the early 1950s and then with Airwork at St Davids until early 1953 on Fleet Requirement Duties.

They were then put into storage at Lossiemouth and Stretton and later sold to the fledgling Israeli Air Force.

In the late 1940s the Israelis scoured the world for Mosquitos but there was then an arms embargo which prevented legal

It didn't stop a number being 'nicked' from RAF stations and others being put on the civil regis-ter and flown to Israel!

Many of the IAF pilots were ex-RAF. The arms embargo was lifted and many were bought from France and Britain. Most were ex-FAA Mossies and besides the TR.33 included RN PR.XVIs and

With the arrival of jets, the IAF Mossies were put in store until 1956, but with the start of the Sinai (Suez) campaign in October were taken out again to attack the Egyptian concentrations.

They proved they could carry

even more ordnance than their jet successors and not one was lost to enemy action.

If anyone has any photographs of RN Mosquitos or worked at Lossiemouth or Stretton in 1953 I would be glad to hear from them. - S. Howe, Edgware, Middlesex.

### Coventry the truth

REGARDING an article in your June issue, would you please clarify while there are some of us left.

The Germans claimed the sinking of HMS Coventry, but this is

what actually happened.

After the raid on Tobruk on September 14, 1942, HMS Sikh was so badly damaged that we were told to return to Alexandria. On the way Coventry was sent

to assist us escape further air attacks but when we arrived at our rendezvous we found her abandoned and in a sinking con-

Our Captain ordered us to shell her and sink her (I was captain of 'B' guns) which we did with no success (she was a very stubborn old lady).
Finally we had to torpedo her.

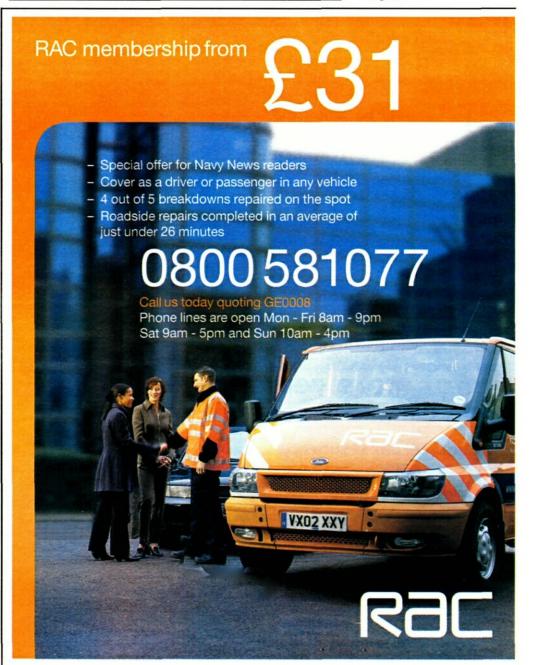
H. Fox, Saltash, Cornwall.

### Oil hits the fan

THE ARTICLE in March about the Stalker L3515 brought back memories of L3516, Striker. I served in her from 1955-57 in Malta as part of the Amphibious Warfare Squadron.

The power pack, so called, com-prised open front boilers and triple expansion reciprocating

One funny moment came when I was auxiliary watchkeeping and a young stoker came for some Heavy Mineral Oil to lubricate the fan. Problem was, he put the oil into the fan intake! Everyone who has served in a boiler room knows. has served in a boiler room knows where the Stoker PO stood - right under the fan. - R. James, Bridgend



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Lt Jenny Curwood (right) checks on how ration packs are

### **Jenny rings changes with rations n**

its stomach - and today's Army uses a menu with a distinctly Naval input.

Lt Jenny Curwood is just finishing a stint with the Defence Catering Group which culminated in her filling a gapped Army Major's post with responsibility for operational ration packs (ORPs) – the first Naval officer to undertake the job.

Both 24-hour individual ration packs and group-feeding ten-man packs are used by the Army, Royal Marines and RAF.

Lt Curwood said: "I was in charge of all esearch and development - basically deciding what went into the rations and thus ultimately what the fighting force ate, under training or on the front line in opera-

tions such as in Iraq.
"The job was fairly daunting at first,

especially as I had only spent a few days on these rations whilst undertaking initial officer training at Dartmouth.

"Suddenly I had to converse with the Army and other forces on what I thought they should eat."

Jenny organised a major feedback session after the initial phase of Operation Telic in Iraq to see how the rations went down, and has been acting on that advice.

"I have started to introduce some major changes to the ORP, including menu changes, Yorkie chocolate, cans of tuna and tabasco sauce, with other projects planning energy drinks and wet wipes," she said.

The cans of tuna are a result of a specific request from the Royal Marines, and the away from traditional stew-based meals to more modern and spicier food.

Jenny's first appointment as Supply Officer on frigate HMS Coventry gave her the confidence to tackle the task - up to 2.5 million rations are produced annually, packed in a facility at Portsmouth Naval

"All Supply Officers like to think that what they serve people is what they would eat themselves - and I would be quite happy to eat the rations," she said.

"But I have come to realise you cannot please everyone all the time."

Jenny has promised to ensure the Army officer who succeeds her takes note of what the Royal Marines would like to see on the menu in future.

# Flexible approach is the key to retention

MORE flexible, imaginative approach to manning the Royal Navy and supporting sailors' families is the key to solving the retention problem, according to a senior officer.

And Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral James Burnell-Nugent believes the basic mechanisms to develop these new personnel policies are in place, with the Divisional system being the bedrock on which they can be built.

When the Admiral took up his post early this year he said he wanted to be seen as the "ultimate Divisional Officer", and would focus on listening to and improving the lot of the individual.

One of his first actions was to appoint WO Eddie Seaborne as the Command Warrant Officer -"ultimate Divisional Senior Rate" - and the Admiral said that since then they have both been struck by the importance of the Divisional system in terms of the professional care and social care of our people and their families," which he said is "key to retention still the number one challenge we

face in the personnel area."

Flexible working, improved conditions, the profile of remuneration and bonuses throughout an individual's career, improved pension arrangements for families and partners, and the reduction of tedious non-core duties are all in the melting pot as Navy planners seek to stem the flow of sailors who are handing in their notice early.

The Second Sea Lord is overseeing a major overhaul of the Divisional system, and investigating how his Personnel Liaison Team can support Divisional

Officers, and help junior rates understand what their DO should

be doing for them.

But WO Seaborne said there was no intention to take over the system: "It's about a network. We are trying to help enhance it."

Eddie said he takes between 30 to 50 emails a week on the subject of Service conditions alone, and follows each one up by email, telephone or a personal visit to sort out the problem.

The Admiral said the hands-on approach con-firmed the fact he was determined to make a difference, whether across the Navy as a whole or for an individual.

"At policy level it takes time and resources, but we can also make a difference at local level.

"People who are unhappy with something in their married quar-ters, perhaps a wife with a defective cooker, or a sailor whose career has hit a snag because of a problem

with bureaucracy, perhaps."

The Admiral said big changes could be made without spending big money.

The strong emphasis is revolving around treating people as indi-viduals - not just people in the Royal Navy, but families as well," he said.
"I have been struck by the dif-

ferences between the sort of facilities we provide for families as com-pared with what we provide for the

This might be as simple as ensuring that grassy play areas for chil-dren on married quarters estates

are mown regularly and fenced off.
"We have got to do far better in spending what might be quite small sums of money to make very significant improvements in the lives of Service families, particularly while their spouses are deployed," said Admiral Burnell-Nugent.

He added that the Rebalancing

Capt Simon Ancona was "extremely important; it's very close to my own heart."

went beyond retention - the working environment was also an issue global level, and the Admiral reiterated the Navy's hard line on the problem; there was zero tolerance to bullying and harassment in the RN, and any such allegation would where there was sufficient and reliable evidence.

The net was being cast wide to ensure that no good ideas were allowed to escape, and the Admiral said that the Navy Board had put in

lengthy sessions on the subject.
"I haven't had a stopwatch running on it but I would estimate that the Navy Board spends about 60 per cent of our time discussing personnel matters, as well as money, future platforms and the way the Navy is going from a capability point of view, he said. "We do

realise as we unveil new policies for person-nel that not everybody is a winner - there are always some

winners and some losers as new policies unfold, but the Navy Board is absolutely committed to doing the best for the Navy overall.

"That has always been the spirit of the Navy - teamwork. And the litmus test of the Board's enthusiasm for a particular topic is always if they are prepared to pay for it.

"Take for example the MOD Guard Service; employing them on guarding duties has liberated a lot of people from one of the most unpopular jobs in the Navy, and we are hoping to do the same for the Royal Marines shortly.

And the focus on the individual the individual as well as on a be investigated and action taken

... the Navy Board is absolutely committed to doing the best for the Navy overall.'

flexible hours already the Navy has got a good reputation for flexible working hours; some ships, depending on where they are in the training operation cycle do extend those princi-

"So a ship in maintenance might work a three-and-a-half day week on the basis that you still put in the same number of hours but you crack the hours in between Monday lunch-time and Thursday evening, so that, in modern business language, you get the same output and people get better quality of life in harbour, particularly the travellers, and more time with

Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral James Burnell-Nugent meets the troops on board his flagship HMS Victory

their families.

"This is all part of trying to sep-arate the tempo of the individual from the tempo of the ship – what

we call op tempo and pers tempo, and during this month Commodore Neil Morisetti, Director of Topmast, will be going

round naval bases and air stations

briefing people on the further evo-

Overseas navies were being studied to see if there

were any initiatives which can be exploited.

extensive use of information tech-

nology to target allowances to indi-

viduals when a particular shortfall needed to be addressed, such as

overseas service - although Admiral Burnell-Nugent stressed

that that was not necessarily a path

he would seek to follow.

For example, the US Navy made

lution of Topmast in this area."

this mon-

"It has taken drudgery out of people's lives, and the Navy Board is determined to find the money to make sure that the amount sailors and Marines have to do is significantly reduced, - though I'm not saying it will go away forever.

Some benefits were already being seen, said the Admiral.

"A lot of work is going on in naval bases to improve conditions there, and for example, we have now got hard-wired TV in all the jetties in Portsmouth.

"And there are other simple things like getting lap-tops in mess decks so that people can write emails off watch

instead of having to go to a working space. "Some ships

are beginning to work even more

But it was a two-way process, he added: "There is a huge amount of interest from other Navies in what we are doing, for example with

squadding.

"All navies have got this issue, albeit maybe at different levels of activity, of freeing up the relationship between op tempo and pers

tempo.
"With the modern sailor, and the modern family man in particular, we mustn't burn up separated time for limited operational gain.

"Every day of separated service we want to try to focus on delivering operational capability, not hanging around guarding, for example or doing boring duty

With the 60-40 base port rule still in existence – where planners aimed to have a ship deployed for 60 per cent of the time – and the high intensity of activity while they were away meant there must be compensations in improved time in harbour, barracks or on the air station, he said.

accommodation at sea and operational welfare packages had been overhauled for the benefit of sailors on deployment, attention was now turning towards improving the 40 per cent base-port time.

As some of that time was spent on leave or in training, the efforts must be that much greater to make an appreciable difference.

"The bottom line is that I hope people do feel genuinely we are working very hard both at Navy Board level and my own staff to look after people, to make their job worthwhile and their job prospects appealing and make sure they live up to their expectations of a really good career in the Royal Navy," said Admiral Burnell-Nugent.

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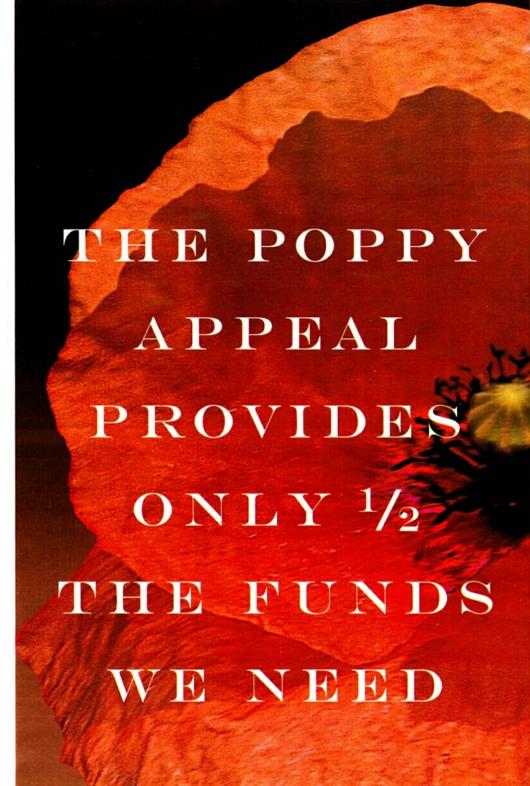
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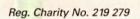
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Preparing for the chop in HMS Kent

THREE members of frigate HMS Kent's crew have had their heads

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Tonge and Lt Alex Bingham were
challenged by other members of the crew and agreed to bare their

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### In the footsteps of the incas

TWO MEMBERS of the Navy have been exploring the Andes for the Solent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

CPO Crissie Proudley from the Fleet Photo Unit Portsmouth and PO Wendy Langden from HMS Sultan have successfully completed the Inca Trail up to Machu Picchu.

The trek comes a year after the two completed sections of the Great Wall of China – to date the pair have raised

CPO Crissie Proudley and PO Wendy Langden

### Caribbean party at air station

YEOVILTON Royal Naval Air Station have been doing their bit for charity this summer.

The staff have made £20,000 through a Caribbean party held in the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess – the money has been given to the Yeovil Hospice Appeal.

The station has also welcomed children from Chernobyl to view flying operations and see the firefighting equipment. The charity, Chernobyl Children's Life Line, organises holidays for the youngsters who are still suffering from the after-effects of the nuclear accident 17 years ago.

# **School kitted** out by frigate

spent time in Sierra Leone at the start of her fivemonth Atlantic Patrol Tasking (South) deployment where the crew took the opportunity to help the local community.

The Petty Officers Mess delivered computers and textbooks to assist in the education of the children at a local school, Hill Station Prep.

The computers were given to the ship for this worthy cause by a former member of the International Military Advisory and Training Team, and the text-books had been donated by Midhurst Intermediate School in West Sussex.
A small team from the ship also

visited Dove's Village of Hope for Children, an orphanage that is being set up by a Canadian couple who have worked in Sierra Leone for the past 16 years.

The team worked tirelessly

throughout the day for the charity moving materials to build a wall to surround the orphanage, as well as making a cast iron gate and erect-

ing a new roof.

With the team speeding up the work by an estimated three weeks the initial 25 orphans will hopefully be homed at the new orphanage

### **Cardiff man** pays tribute to hospital

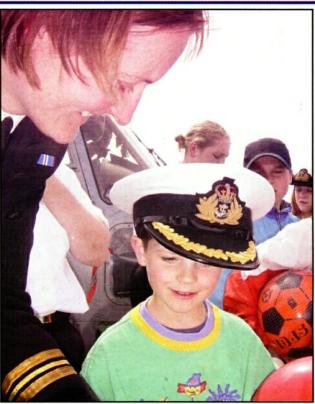
DURING destroyer HMS Cardiff's recent seven-month Armilla deployment the ship's company netted £1,500 for the Velindre Hospital.

On a visit to the city of Cardiff members of the ship's crew presented a cheque to the staff. The group included LWEM Andy 'Taff' Pearce whose mother was treated at the hospital for cancer. The hospital offered great support in the final months prior to his mother's death.

Andy said: "Although my mother and the rest of the family found it tough we got a lot of support off all the members of staff at Velindre Hospital.

"Whenever we would visit they would always go out of their way to help and explain what the best course of action was for each stage not just physical well-being but

"To be able to thank the staff for all the hard work and dedication that they put into the job, was the very least I could do."



Lt Cdr Katja Samuel with a Lithuanian boy

### **Baltic children** greet Somerset

THE TYPE 23 frigate HMS Somerset has recently taken part in exercises in the Baltic and this gave the ship's company the opportunity to visit children's homes in Lithuania and Russia.

While in the port of Klaipeda, Lithuania, 25 children from the Rytas Children's Home were welcomed aboard the frigate for

a party hosted by the ship's company. The home has around 91 children aged between 4-19, most of whom will not be

Before leaving eight members of the crew made a return visit to the orphanage to deliver donations to the home. They also visited the Giuilari Baby Orphanage to deliver clothes,

When the ship visited Estonia a group from the ship went to the Haiba Children's Home which cares for around 40 children up to the age of 17. They handed over to the children gifts of clothes and toys, and 20 of the children were welcomed onto the ship for a special day out.

### Cycling sailors a-hoy

PEOPLE from various MOD establishments have all signed up for the cycling life.

Lt Cdrs Paul Belding and Marius Evans from RNAS Yeovilton raised over £1,000 for Yeovil Hospice and the National Deaf Children's Society by cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats at the top of Scotland.

The same journey but in reverse was under taken by CPOMEA Craig Spring and CPOMEA Stu Naylor of the Warship Support Agency to bag £1,000 for Whizz-Kidz, a charity that gives disabled children independent mobility by providing customised equipment.

### **News in brief**

■ HMS EXCELLENT has hosted the Lee Tongue Memorial 5-a-side Football Tournament to raise money for the Rowans Hospice.

The ten competing teams along with the raffle and auction raised £622 for the charity in honour of the former Naval Physical Training

Instructor.

The Rowan's Hospice has also benefitted by more than £1,300 from events including raffles, barbeques and donations collected at the Second Sea Lord's the Second Sea Lord's Headquarters in Portsmouth Naval Base.

■ CREW members from sub-marine HMS Vanguard have been stretched with a spot of digging. The men were put to the spade digging a wildlife pond for a local infant school in the Plymouth area.

■ FORMER and serving Royal Marines gathered for a 30-mile yomp across Dartmoor in aid of the Falklands Veterans Association and the Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association.

In total the group raised over £6,000 through sponsorship topped up with an additional £1,000 in a charity auction.

AT RNAS Yeovilton and Sherborne in Somerset mem-bers of the Defence Logistics Organisation collected over £1,000 for Cancer Research UK by means of a charity raffle and a dress-down day.

■ RUNNING the Lisbon halfmarathon, personnel from the NATO Headquarters raised over 1,000 Euros to help the battle

against breast cancer.
POPT Paul Willetts, CPO Dave POPT Paul Willetts, CPO Dave McInerney, Shelly Willetts, FG OFF John Grime, Surg Cdr John Clarke, Lt QARNNS Rebecca Newby-Stubbs, Lt Cdr Claire Banazol and Cpl Mark McDerment joined 30,000 others running in the hot sunshine of the Portugese capital Portugese capital.

**■ THE ANNUAL Sultan Show** opened its gates early to 150 children from special needs schools to give them a chance to enjoy all the thrills of the fair without the pressing crowds. Children visiting the UK from the Chernobyl were also wel-comed to the Gosport base.

■ HMS Ledbury's PO Diver Alastair 'Al' Reilly will be tackling a challenge set by the Royal Yachting Association, the Round Britain Rib Challenge, next year in aid of the Catherine House Hospice, a cancer charity in

Al and his uncle Mike Ashton will be setting off around the coastline of Britain and Ireland in an 8.1 metre rigid inflatable boat in the summer next year.

The duo are looking for sponsorship – write to Al at HMS Ledbury, BFPO 324.

■ GALTRES School in York has benefitted to the tune of £3,000 after a mammoth triathlon effort by ten people in destroyer HMS York.

The team rowed 10,000 metres on an indoor rowing machine before setting out on the roads from Portsmouth to York, cycling 350 miles and running 45 miles.

■ PERSONNEL from 4CAC Company and the Defence Intelligence and Security Centre based at Chicksands pulled together £2,200 by means of a 26mile field gun pull.

The money will be divided between the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, British Wheelchairs Ex-Servicemen's Assocation and the Douglas Bader Foundation.

■ PO Brett 'Zac' Newton of Superintendent Fleet Maintenance in Portsmouth has cycled from Portsmouth to Rochdale to raise money for the Robyn Brooks Appeal.

Robyn has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma and requires treatment in America.

Zac has already raised

£1,400 through a 'dartathon' at the Invincible pub in Portsmouth. The Royal Naval Old Comrades Portsmouth has £2,400 in addition. Club collected

### <u> Helping Hands</u>



### News in brief

■ PERSONNEL from the training establishment HMS Collingwood have been putting their backs into helping the local Fareham and Gosport community.
A team from the Estate Services

Department helped a local home for the elderly, Hanover House, prepare for their coffee morning by loaning tables and chairs for the event.

The Yeoman of the Admiralty at the Farcham base went to the aid of a local school, Cliffdale Primary, that was running a multicultural week through the provision of various nations' flags.

Officers and Senior Rates

Officers and Senior Rates recently presented the Shaw Trust in Portsmouth, a disability charity, with a cheque for £250 raised from its termly raffles.

■ FRIGATE HMS Norfolk has presented the Child Development Unit at the James Paget NHS Trust in Norfolk with a cheque for £500 for their Intensive Care Appeal.

■ STAFF at the Elm Surgery in Estover, Plymouth, have raised £3,000 for the UK Forces Gulf fund. The surgery produced around 3,000 yellow ribbons during the war in Iraq to show support for the members of the Armed

Naval area community officer Nick Bennet said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to the team at Elm Surgery and to everyone who bought a yellow ribbon. I know that the support of the people back home was a great comfort to those serving in Iraq and their families."

THE MIDLANDS Naval Officers' Association raised £3,500 for the King George's Fund for Sailors at its Summer Party. Polo matches, auctions and a raffle all added up to make the grand total for the nautical charity.

# Red Sparrows win the day

HMS MARLBOROUGH has raised nearly £5,000 for the ship's charity KIDS during their latest deploy-ment to the Gulf and Southern Hemisphere through loud drumming and improvised air displays.

The Type 23's crew had planned a 24-hour sponsored drum marathon on the ship's flight deck.

The event was nearly scuppered when the flight deck was called when the light deck was called into use when a shipmate with a broken arm had to be flown to a shore-based hospital.

But once the ship's Lynx had returned, the flight deck was available once more for the 24-hour was then to begin Sc despite her.

marathon to begin. So despite bro-ken arms and 45 knots of wind PO Caterer Neil 'Moggie' Mogeridge set to with gusto on the drums, and a total of £1,000 was raised for the charity that supports children with

special needs.

Moggie played a rock'n'roll session supported by some of the ship's guitarists. They played an assortment of music through the night and into the morning, lasting until after 10pm the next day when the drums finally fell silent. KIDS were once again the focus

of fund-raising efforts with £3,255 netted from a day of entertain-ment that took place during their



The winners of the Magnificent Birdman of Marlborough Competition, the Red Sparrows perform their flying display

long transit of the Indian Ocean. The day began with the 'Magnificent Birdman of Marlborough Competition'.
Participants had to build their own aircraft, which would be launched

from the stern of the ship - the winner would fly the furthest. After much secret activity and studying of aerodynamics below deck the day of the competition dawned – bringing with it a heavy storm and the news that there would be no flying that day.

So, with a quick revision of the

rules the display took place as a parade of each aircraft. The final trophy went to the intrepid (although slightly less well-known) Red Sparrows following their

superb precision display.

The Petty Officers Mess had arranged the rest of the day's entertainment including a barbeque and charity auction that helped make the large cash total

for the special needs charity.

HMS Marlborough has now returned home to the UK after a long stint in the Gulf and Far East.



# beans in

THE SHIP'S company of HMS Bulwark visited County Durham in July to raise money for the children's wards at Bishop's Aukland and Gateshead Queen Elizabeth Hospitals.

They collected over £3,000 when they teamed up with members of 4 Assault Squadron Royal Marines, the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment and

local Sea Cadets.

The fun events including a prize draw, charity auction, human fruit machine and a Naval officer in a bath of beans.

 Lt Cdr Ramsay Lunn bathes in beans

### Children say thanks to RN

A GROUP of children helped by a Navy charity thanked its supporters at a garden party in Portsmouth Naval Base.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Children's Fund held its

inaugural garden party this sum-mer at Admiralty House.

The party, hosted by the Second Sea Lord and fund president Vice Admiral James Burnell-Nugent, brought five local youngsters face to face with some of the people who run the charity.

Parents and children mixed with representatives of the Navy Personal and Families Service, SSAFA and the charity trustees over tea on a sunny afternoon. Monique Bateman, the director

of the charity, said: 'The event was a means to thank people for their input to our work during the year."



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### <u>People in the News</u>



OMC Martyn Tomkinson doesn't look too impressed as his bride draws the attention of the local fire brigade

THERE must have been moments when OMC Martyn 'Scholesy' Tomkinson of HMS Edinburgh and Nicola Wood thought they would never get wed.

First with the date all planned, Martyn's ship was sent to the Mediterranean in January as a preliminary to the Gulf for the war against Saddam Hussein.

But he arrived back in the UK in time for the big day. The ceremony

took place with no problem, but at the reception, the perfect day was interrupted by the arrival of the local fire brigade - the wedding meal had got a tad overheated.

No sooner had the newly-married pair said goodbye to their extra uninvited guests, when a second fire engine arrived - the food had performed the same feat and called back the emergency services once more.

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# Uninvited guests at the feast Throwing down the gauntlet

TEAM from Sultan are all set to show off their engineering skills in the new series of 4's Scrapheap Channel Challenge.

The first challenge for the trio, Lt Jim Ellis, CPOMEA(EL) Jason 'JJ' Swift and AEA/A Adrian Eason-Bassett, was to get on to the programme.

Now in its sixth series, the popular Channel 4 show is drawing more and more applications from teams keen to take on the building challenges.

Taking on the suitably Naval name of 'The Destroyers' the team had to impress a jaded production team with a video of themselves, followed by a telephone interview.

Once through the initial stages

of the selection process, they had to show off their practical talents -building an accurate timer device out of a bag of cotton reels, string, cork and drinking straws.

An anxious wait ensued before they received the good news they were through and would have the chance to make something from nothing.

Jim said: "I have always wanted

to have a go at Scrapheap and like most armchair experts out there I was continually saying how bad the teams were doing and their designs weren't up to it. My wife was getting fed up with listening to

my 'professional' appraisal."

JJ added: "I have always watched the programme on TV and had fancied my chances at it. This was a chance to put my money where my mouth was.

Scrapheap Challenge is due to return to our TV screens in September, and for their first challenge The Destroyers will be set head to head with The Squadron,

### **Lucky winners**

CPO (TSM) Neil Harvey and AEM M.T. Bentley have each bagged a total of £1,500 on the

RN&RM Sports Lottery. CPO Harvey of HMS Raleigh said: "I have been a member of the sports lottery for five years and am delighted to win the prize - which my wife Karen has already spent!"

AEM Bentley of HMS Sultan, who has only been in the moneyspinning lotto since October last year, is putting the money towards

**CPO Stephen** (Below)







AEA/A Adrian Eason-Bassett, Lt Jim Ellis and CPOMEA Jason

### **Hindus encouraged** to look to the Navy

VICE ADMIRAL James Burnell-Nugent, Second Sea Lord, and members of the Diversity Action visited Swaminarayan Mandir Temple in North West London.

The visit to the temple built

links with the local Hindu community, and was followed by a tour of the nearby Swami Independent Day School. Swaminarayan

Om Parkash Sharma, president of the UK National Council of Hindu Temples, said: "I hope that the Hindu Community will see the opportunities the Royal Navy can offer whether it be sponsorship or an exciting career such as an engineer, doctor or lawyer.

Another member Diversity Action Team, CPOPT Nick Carter received a Herbert Lott Command Award from the

Second Sea Lord. Nick was given the award in recognition of his pro-fessionalism and dedication in removing perceived barriers and inspiring black and Asian youngsters across London.



### ■ TWO of the Naval personnel who took part in the recent diving expedition to the remote Pitcairn Island in the Pacific (featured in our June issue), Lt Cdr Andy Mills and Lt Lanny Vogel, seized the

recruiting.
Islander Pania Warren, aged 15, has proven herself a bright and talented mathematician and has expressed a desire to study engineering in university.

opportunity for a little local

Andy and Lanny made sure that Pania was left fully informed about the benefits of military support throughout a university course.

■ PACKING a 24-month course into just 14, nine Royal Marines and one civil servant based at CTCRM Lympstone have grad-uated with a Certificate in **Education from the University** of Plymouth.

Almost 40 more are due to complete the demanding course in January next year.

- FORMER HMS Albion shipwright Peter Collings visited the new Albion to present a 6-inch shell ash tray inscribed "Gunnery Officer HMS Albion 1969" discovered at a local scrapyard but due to end up on display in the new assault ship's trophy cabinet.
- LORD and Lady Balfour of Burleigh visited the Maritime Warfare School at HMS Collingwood for a tour of the training site and museum. Lord Balfour, then Robert

Bruce, served at the base as a Leading Radio Electrician's Mate from 1946-48. ■ PORTSMOUTH-BASED ship

repair company Fleet Support Limited (FSL) have appointed Ian Booth from BAE Systems as its new managing director.

Peter McIntosh has now returned to VT Group as managing director of their UK defence support services.

■ HMS Raleigh has enlisted its own Knee High Navy by opening a new nursery offering a full day-care facility for the Naval base's staff.

Located in the grounds of the establishment, the nursery will provide day care for babies up to pre-school children.

- POMA L.S. Fergus of HMS Cornwall has won the Sick Berth Petty Officers' Efficiency Medal for 2002.
- THE JUNIOR section of Gosport Amateur Operatic Society, otherwise known as the Pirates of Penzance, hijacked HMS Victory from under the noses of the Royal Navy to highlight their latest production. Lt Amanda Haggard, one of
- the founding committee mem-bers of the group, paid tribute to the talented youngsters involved in the Gilbert and

### All in the military family

THE MILITARY obviously runs in the blood for this collection of Naval folk.

Proud dad CPO Stephen Watson saw his son Scott pass through HMS Raleigh -Scott now moves on to HMS Sultan to continue his training as a Marine

Engineering Mechanic.
Brother George and sister Kim were on hand to cheer on Writer Paul Linehan when he completed his basic training at the Cornwall new entry establishment. For WO Dick Hussey the occasion of

his son Jon's passing out from the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines at Lympstone was particularly poignant as it was the start of his terminal

leave after 35 years service in the Navy.

Dad has now handed over the

military baton to his son.

A Naval sister met up with her Army brother much to her surprise on the sands of Iraq.

Lt Caroline May flew out with the UK Maritime Component Commander Cdre Richard Leaman and by chance her brother Stephen, a Captain with the Royal Logistics Corps, was tasked to act as escort to her boss during the brief visit to the Middle East!

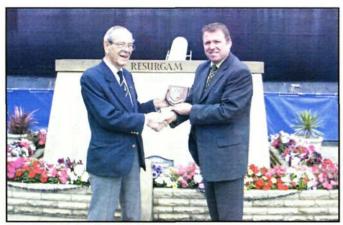




Lt Caroline May and brother Stephen

### People in the News





Antonio Buhagiar with George Malcolmson

#### Antonio goes bac

THE SUCCESSFUL entry into the Royal Engineers of his grandson gave Antonio Joseph Buhagiar, aged 88, a chance to visit the UK and make a

trip to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport.
Antonio served in HMS Porpoise through World War II and returned to the spot were he had first signed up for life as a submariner in 1941.

"It's great to be back and let my family see this marvellous place," he said. "I was the first Maltese to serve in submarines." Antonio began his Royal Navy career in 1935 and served in a number of ships including HMS Bulldog when they captured the Enigma coding machine from U110. He remained in the service until 1957.

He presented a plaque from the RNA Malta Branch to George Malcolmson of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum.

### **Brian's smiling** at Temeraire

BRIAN Edward Le Corre has been awarded an MBE in recognition for his long and dedicated service as an establishment cleaner.

Brian's career began in the orig-inal Temeraire building in Portsmouth's Pitt Street in 1963 and he only retired last year from the current HMS Temeraire after 40 years loyal service.

At his request, Brian was pre-sented with the MBE at HMS Temeraire in front of his family, friends and colleagues.



Brian Le Corre

# Dog dreams of PO Flloyd

PROUD, faithful and utterly loyal to the Service, PO(Dog) Flloyd carries out his duties with never a word of complaint – but his shipmates fear the implications of his lack of Service pension.

Naval personnel who have served at Windmill Hill (or Lloyds) Signal Station in Gibraltar will remember their canine shipmate.

Flloyd arrived at Windmill Hill as a puppy in 1991, and signed on for the Royal Navy in 1992.

His service record and promotion certificate are all on display at the Gibraltar station.

Primarily tasked with duties of rat-catching and seagull-chasing, Flloyd has been known to take part in military exercises with great barking gusto and his enthusiasm at promotion to the rank of Petty Officer saw a marked increase in the expulsion of invading seagulls from the Windmill Hill area.

Eleven years on and traces of grey can now be seen in Flloyd's fur - his messmates at Windmill Hill are concerned that no service pension is in place to look after Flloyd in the twilight of his Naval

While the costs of diet and uniform continue to be supplied by his fellow Naval personnel, an appeal has been set up to cover Flloyd's growing vet bills.

Please send any donations to Chief of the Station, Windmill Hill Signal Station, FPO Rooke, BFPO 52 – cheques should be made payable to Lloyds Signal Station.

### Norfolk boy's dream comes true

WHEN Type 23 HMS Norfolk arrived in East Anglia for a visit, 15-year-old Ross Bateman's dream came true.

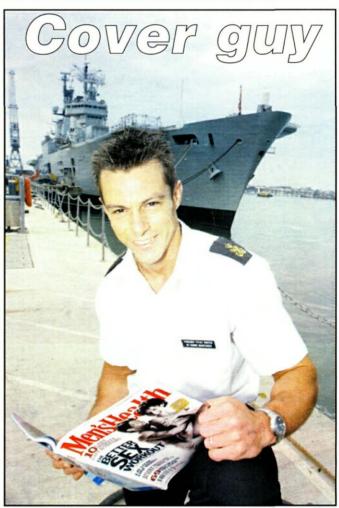
Ross has been mad about helicopters since he can remember and through a competition in the Eastern Daily Press, he won the chance to fly out to join the frigate for a day at sea.

Ross' father Anthony – a former Naval officer – said: "I have not been aboard a warship for almost 20 years. I am going to enjoy the day almost as much as Ross. It will be quite a thrill for us both.

Young Ross has now set his sights on joining the Royal Navy as

#### Special presenter

CPOWTR Angie Walsh received her Long Service and Good Conduct medal from an unusual donor. The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, personally gave the award to her Personal Assistant at Buckingham Palace. Angie moves posting to HMS Nelson next

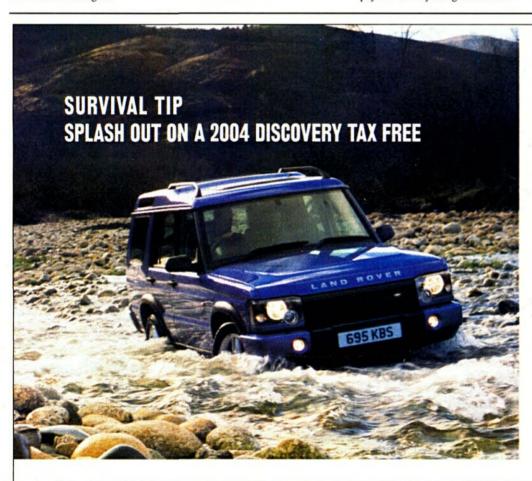


DOWN to the final 12 in a tough competition, POWEA Steve Winter of HMS Ark Royal stands a good chance of becoming a cover model for Men's Health magazine.

The finals take place in August with the winner netting a two-week holiday in South Africa and a one-year modelling contract.

Steve said: "Men should take pride in their bodies and pay more

attention to their fitness, diet, grooming and style."
He ascribes his toned figure to a rigorous exercise programme involving weight-lifting, running, football and a strict diet that is high in protein and low in alcohol.



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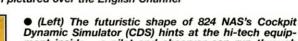
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numerous scenarios in highly-realistic surround before they take the controls of the real thing

ment inside – a pilot and observer can run through

# Pioneering squadron integrated training for Merlin

ANY ships and squadrons in the Royal Navy fervently believe they are special - some with good rea-

But there can be no disputing the fact that 824 Naval Air Squadron at RNAS Culdrose, is unique in many ways.

The squadron was commissioned in 2001 to train aircrew and engineers in every aspect of the Navy's new Merlin helicopter.

And at present 824 has a responsibility which stretches from the trainng of the people who maintain the engine to the provision of front-line

aircraft for deployed warships.

All of which means that Lt Cdr Kevin Mathieson has a rather more extensive unit to command than is the case elsewhere - the number of

men and women on the roll, including trainees, is in excess of 500, and he has a fleet of 12 Merlin Mk 1s as well as real estate worth in the

> The current shape of the squadron has been an evolution rather than a revolution - a logical move towards an organisation capable of handling all personnel ing issues for the introduction of the first completely new Royal Navy aircraft for decades.

But the most important factor in the squadron is the quality of staff and students, according to the

"I'm very lucky as I have no weak links here, and that's what makes it "Without the calibre of people

both wanting to learn and teaching, it would not work at all - certhe simulators and the curriculum "Without the sheer hard work of the staff we would not have been

able to start training.

"And the calibre of students we have had through here has been outstanding – generally they are really well-motivated."

Much of the motivation comes from being in at the start of a new and impressive piece of kit - a "quantum leap" from the Sea

King, in Lt Cdr Mathieson's eyes. With a large tranche of people needing to learn about the machine, either from scratch or converting from the Sea King, it made sense to base all the training in one place and link up the various facets where possible.

And from there it was a short



step to linking the training phase to the early stages of the Merlin's operational life – a development which should pay rapid dividends when other squadrons take delivery of the aircraft.

When a pilot, or aircrew member, or engineer goes to a front-line squadron in the coming years, they will be bumping up against people they have either trained with or worked with at 824, oringing a cohesion to the entire

824 has three distinct elements The Merlin Training Facility (MTF) is a huge leap forward, with many slabs of "chalk and talk" lecture replaced by computerbased lessons and powerful

Thus a group of trainees will follow a particular module on screen, with each testing him or herself at the end; a failure to have grasped the point of the module will require another stab at it, and it is possible for individual lectures to be studied outside the classroom by borrowing the relevant disks.

Although there is a course structure, students can work at their own pace to achieve their targets. Once the theory has been established, with the help of graphics and video, students can move straight on to the simulators with

Specifically for the engineers are

Mechanical Systems Trainer (MST) and the Weapons System Trainer (WST).

These are in essence the top half (MST) and bottom half (WST) of the Merlin, complete with fully functioning systems which can be worked on by trainees, and manip ulated by staff to introduce prob lems and faults.

The WST, from the cabin floor downwards, allows students to work on the landing gear, hydraulics system, deck lock, sonobuoy dispenser and Active Dipping Sonar, as well as the load ing and unloading of weapons – all inside a brightly-lit building within a short walk of the classrooms.

The MST fulfils the same role for engines and rotor assemblies, and allows aircrew to familiarise themselves with the Merlin layout before they handle the real thing. Three Rear Crew Trainers

(RCTs) offer exact replicas of the Merlin cabin, allowing students to practise tactics in an environment which will allow an almost seamless progression to operational aircraft.

And for those up front is the Cockpit Dynamic Simulator (CDS), a facility which would not look out of place in a science fic-

Within this hi-tech globe is an exact replica of the cockpit of the which can be seen a range of realistic scenes - while the pilot and observer go through their pre-flight checks, a Flight Deck Officer waits patiently by the hangar door

of the Type 23 frigate, for example And when the students have reached the appropriate point in their course, the CDS and RCTs can be linked, allowing the whole team to go through simulated missions under the eyes of staff in a control room.

Apart from considerable savings no need to run costly aircraft for repetitive basic training processes the beauty of having everything on site is that feedback becomes a powerful tool in tuning up the system. The early courses have made significant contributions to the

provides

riculum, acting as guinea pigs and reaping the benefit of tailoring the course to what they need.

In order to allow for the occasional 'blind alley' or fruitless exercise, early courses through 824's training wing have been slightly extended to ensure there is no disadvantage to students.

It also means the curriculum is bang up-to-date, with Merlin crew who took part in the conflict in Iraq feeding their observations and experiences back to the squadron. A short stroll away from the training area is the the second element of 824 - the HQ, which han-

dles the flying side of the operation and thus is responsible for all flyng training of Merlin aircrew. Once the ground training phase has been completed, the students move on to the airborne syllabus which starts with the basic elements of flying the Merlin, including navigation, radar, search and

stores and weapons systems. Once that phase has been mastered the students are ready to join

rescue techniques and multi-task-

ng, then on to operational tactics, which covers sonics, the datalink,

a front-line squadron. Merlin squadrons are in a state of flux as the aircraft begins to realise its full potential - for example, 700 NAS is shortly to become 824 OEU, the Operational

op the training curriculum.

And it is the third element of 824 NAS which is likely to be affected soonest - the single-ship flights which cover Merlins

assigned to deployed frigates.
Two Type 23s have their own
Merlins, HM ships Monmouth and Lancaster, giving the squadron its front-line capability, and three more flights are in the process of forming, but it is planned that these individual ship flights are covered by a a new squadron, 829.

It is easy to forget, in amongst all the innovation and reorganisa tion, what is at the heart of all the activity - a highly-capable aircraft which is winning plaudits from all who work with it.

"I'm an instructor here, and I



including American ones, and it is the most fun to fly and also by far the most capable. 'There's nothing flying in the world today that is as capable or advanced. It is a real feather in the

cap of British industry. 'It is faster than the Lynx and far more manoeuvrable than the Sea King - it's very nimble for its

size and yet very powerful. "People should look forward to ning to us. The programme has finally kicked off, the doors are open and we are welcoming people with open arms to what is a great training programme.

• (Right) A Royal Navy Merlin





teamwork is vital between the flight deck team and the flight crew of an 824 NAS Merlin on ship RFA Argus

● (Left) The Navy's Merlin dwarfs the aircraft it succeeds roles, the veteral

### Students' feedback shapes courses

STUDENTS on Merlin Course /02, the first ab initio ('from the start', as opposed to conversion from the Sea King) Operational Conversion Course for the Merlin are phlegmatic about alterations to their curriculum as wrinkles are

A mix of pilots, observers and aircrew, they find less of a gulf between themselves and instructors than would be the case in a well-established course on an older aircraft, and can thus help

shape the training pattern. Lt Lauren Hulston said: "They have relied on us to correct some things in lessons - we have got quite an input into how the next course will be taught, and they are

The students have many reasons for wanting to fly in the Merlin - all appreciate how capable it is, and one Lt James Finn, noted that it is a very safe aircraft: "the Volvo of the air..."

That enthusiasm is reflected in the attitude of those who remain on the ground, including maintain ers who are on Part 4 training in the hangars, and who benefit jus as much from the integrated nature of the squadron as those

who actually fly the Merlin.
AEM Glenn Rea said: "We learn a lot working in an actual quadron, working with experienced lads - we probably learn

quite a lot that way. "It is good training - we are taken to a very high level. It was a good move for me coming here. The structure of 824 NAS also

means that students do not train in isolation - they are immediately aware of the patterns of squadron life, which will help them adap



• (Above) Training is conducted on the rotor assembly at the Merlin Nechanical Systems Trainer (MST) at RN air station Culdrose, the

• (Left) An instructor scans banks of monitors and panels as students work on a range of hi-tech simulators at Culdrose



Members of 824 NAS go through their paces on board aviation training ship RFA Argus



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Queen Street gate as a main thoroughfare



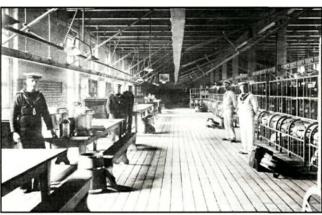
Men relax in their Mess Hall early in the century

• (Below) The 'On the knee' mutiny became a subject of humorous postcards

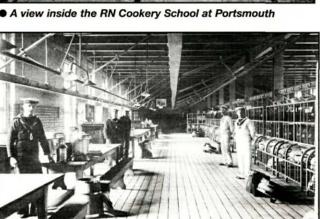


## Through riot and bombs, Barracks make their 100

AS THE NEW living quarters at HMS Nelson in Portsmouth near completion, it seems somehow fitting to tell readers that a century ago the Portsmouth News felt the need to comment: "It is remarkable that so many hundreds of men should have been compelled to live in such undesirable quarters for so long."



 The luxurious new accommodation that drew such praise from the Portsmouth News



But the Army weren't keen to Inside the Nelson gymnasium in its early days

On September 30, 1903, officers and ratings marched in procession down Queen Street to the sound of the assembled military bands shaking off their feet the dust and grime of the old hulks to take possession of their new

custom-built barracks.

Now known as HMS Nelson, the
Royal Naval Barracks with their electric lights, lavatories on each floor and watertaps in every room were a complete revolution compared to what had come before.

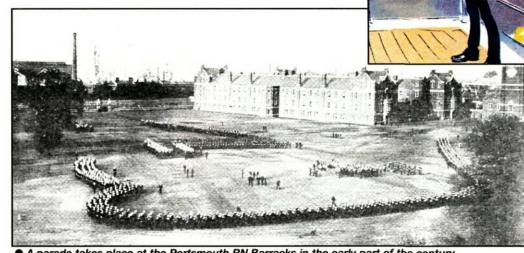
Each long room quartered 125 men, who slept in hammocks slung in four long rows – a different world to the accommodation they had left behind. Tradition had long dictated that men recruited to the ship's company stayed in cold, dark and generally miserable hulks moored alongside while the ship was fitted out in preparation for its days at sea

Discussion and debate on the need for a better home for the men flowed between the upper echelons of the Royal Navy throughout the latter part of the 19th century, but the real impetus to change was the Royal Commission recommenda-tion of 1858 that 4,000 men should be kept ready at each of the Home Ports to man those ships not in

commission.

One of the principal problems was where to build these new 4,000-men barracks. In 1893 an inquiry took place into the conversion of the Convict Prison into a small barracks or to use its site for a new build. But this was rejected due to the limited size of the area.

Attention kept returning to the existing Army barracks at Portsea, that seemed the obvious choice as the right size and right location for a future Naval site.



A parade takes place at the Portsmouth RN Barracks in the early part of the century

lose their Anglesey Barracks -believed to have been named after General the Marquis of Anglesey of the 7th Hussars and built in the mid-1800s to house 1,000 Army officers and men.

Eventually after negotiation between the Board of Admiralty and the War Office, it was agreed that a figure of £165,000 would allow the regiment to find a new garrison in Portsea and the Anglesey Barracks were given over to the RN.

Although the men took possession of their new home at the end of September, it was not until December 1903 that the first cap tallies with the name 'Victory' were issued, and it took more than a year before the process was complete.

ovember of 1906 saw one of the Barracks' more famous incidents, - the On the knees' riot.

Lt B. St. George Collard, irritated by a poor attitude among the ranks during an evening-quarters parade on a rain-soaked Sunday night, ordered the men to fall in again in the Gymnasium.

The Signalmen and Seamen were soon dismissed back to their quarters, but Lt Collard decided that the Stokers needed a firmer dressing down. The officer, a man of short stature, gave the order 'On the

This - a gunnery exercise order and not appropriate for the time or venue - was greeted by cries of 'Don't obey', and the order had to be repeated before the disgruntled Stokers eventually bent their knees.

Aggrieved, the Stokers gathered in the mess later that evening and quickly dissatisfaction turned to aggression, and a bad situation worsened into a near riot.

The gates to the Barracks were locked to contain the uproar and the senior officer of the Barracks was called to the scene.

Cdre the Hon. W.G. Stopford calmed the situation for that evening, but it was only to flare up again the next day when as a precautionary measure the gates were

locked once more.

Those kept out formed an angry mob, and grabbing whatever lay to hand - conveniently the road was under repair so granite chippings became the missile of choice started to pelt the officers' buildings and wardroom with stones.

By midnight the situation had

become so serious that the men were mobilised from the ships in harbour and two companies of Royal Marine Artillery were brought in to control the mob.

By 3am the crowd had dispersed and 12 rioters were arrested, 11 of whom were brought to court martial and received heavy sentences, so severe that questions were raised in Parliament about the affair.

Lt Collard was also to undergo court martial for his incorrect use of the 'on the knee' order - he was cleared of the 1906 charge, but found guilty of having used it as a punishment a year earlier.

An Admiralty Minute was issued reviewing the whole sorry event the end result of which was that Cdre Stopford was relieved of command and two of the severest sen-tences for the offending Stokers were reduced.

A flurry of postcards appeared to

commemorate the event, but the longest-held legacy was a corrugated iron fence that was put up around the parade ground to keep it sealed off from public view for some fifty years.

wo World Wars also had their impact upon city and Naval Barracks. During World War II air raid shelters were built beneath the parade ground to withstand the onslaught

that came from the skies. Between July 1940 and May 1944 there were 67 German air raids on Portsmouth, involving 1,320 high explosive bombs, 38,000 incendiary ombs and 38 land mines.

But the Barracks survived, the depradations caused by bombs to be worsened by a building programme in the post-War decades that saw the character of the establishment change.

Now under the name of HMS Nelson development work contin-ues and the new Junior Rates accommodation blocks near completion to replace the last set of undesirable quarters".

■ Picture postcards courtesy of George Malcolmson



• The Royal Marines Band performed a concert in the summer in Nelson Wardroom to celebrate the centenary year

### At Your Service

and Matapan) reunion from April 16 to 19 at the King Charles Hotel, Gillingham. Contact Terry Parker, 54c Cheriton Rd, Folkestone CT20 1DD, email D97corunna@aol.com The booking form is on the website at: http://mysite.freeserve.co.uk/4thdesassocia tion/

HMS Whitesand Bay Association reunion at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth on April 27. Still seeking anyone who served on-board. Details from Geoff Nightingale, 268 Galley Hill, Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 3LD, tel: 01442 263405.

May 2004

The Royal Canadian Naval Association hold their next reunion from May 7 to 9 at the Oshawa Naval Veterans Club, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. RN and Commonwealth

navies are most welcome. Details from Des

Steel, 62 Buckingham Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1G 2K3, or email: yardarm@sympatico.ca See the OCVC web-

ttp://onvc.tripod.co/main.html



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the 2004 reunion and dinner at the Palm

Blackpool from May 10 to 14, send stamp to Steve Baker, 19 Quantock Way, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 7JZ, tel: 01278 451418, or

email: steveships@btopenworld.com
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Algerines Association (Fleet
Minesweepers) 1942-62 reunion takes
place in Portsmouth from May 14 to 18. Any
prospective new members who served on
Algerine-Class Minesweepers can get further
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### **Calling Old Shipmates**

HMS Achilles 1971-3: Sandy Nabbs is seek-ing Stephen Horne, ex RO(T) originally from the Luton area. They served together in Achilles. Stephen was last known to be living in Hilsea, Portsmouth, but is now believed to living in Devon or Cornwall. Contact ndy on 01449 720134 or email:

HMS Albion (R07 & L14) all commissions and embarked personnel interested in a reunion are asked to contact Keith Ridley, 18 Littleworth Road, Offord Darcy, St Neots, Cambs PE19 5RA, tel: 01480 810848 or email hmsalbion@hotmail.com

HMS Caesar 1961-2: Hobart to Hong Kong and exercise in Indian Ocean near Pualo Tiomin. John Ross-Macleod was in hospital in Singapore with Gunner Jimmy Winstanley, believed to be from Wigan. Jimmy, please get in touch with John. Contact him on 07775 854739 or email: hoofman@bigfoot.com
HMS Cambrian: Seeking Steve Staines, Jock Graham, Fred Squires, Bob Draper and all the crews from any commission 1944 to 69. Reunion soon. Contact Peter Ritchie on 01692 4069899.
Cleopatra Old Shipmates HMS Caesar 1961-2: Hobart to Hong

O1692 406989.

Cleopatra Old Shipmates Association:
Anyone who served in the frigate or cruiser, interested in joining the association, including wives, contact CPO W.B. Franklin at the Armed Forces Careers Office, Mount Wise, Devonport PL.1 4JH, tel: 01752 501787.

Carol Bowen is seeking anyone who joined up with the Cornwell 27s in 2001 and asks them to get in touch. Contact Carol at 19 Middleham Close, Belmont Street, Hull HU9 2RN or email: Carolb1982@aol.co.uk

HMS Diana Association: Seeking members of ship's company, all commissions.

HMS Diana Association: Seeking members of ship's company, all commissions. Details are available from Kevin Cheeseman on 0151 531 9107.

HMS Eagle, 4th Commission 1964-66: Looking for Signalmen Gerry Sharpe, Chris Damon, Pete Staton, Scouse Gaulton, Richard (Taff) Jenkins, Rick Stenning, Brian 'Slinger' Woods and brothers Paul and David Strickland. Reunion May 2004. 73 found, see www.eaglecommunicator.com Contact Dave www.eaglecommunicator.com Contact Dave Brighton on 01420 563944 or email:

Higher of 01420 503944 or email: david.brighton@virgin.net
HMS Ganges, Collingwood Division
391 Class' 1961-2: Signalmen (Bunting
Tossers) looking for 'Sid' HE Foster
(Portsmouth), 'Tomo' C.J. Thompson
(London) and 'Sandy' DA Sandiland. May
have finished up in Seaman Branch! Found
15; contact Dave Brighton on 01420 563944
or email: david brighton@virgin.pen

or email: david.brighton@virgin.net
Aberdeen Ganges 1952: Trying to locate
George Keith, last seen by Jim Franklin in
April 1955. Told he was last seen in Gibraltar. April 1955. Ioin le was last seen in ciloritar. He was best man at Jim's wedding in 1955 whilst in HMS Girdleness, then drafted. Jim's Golden wedding is in 2005 and he'd like George there. Contact Jim at 61 Roscoe Rd, Billingham TS23 1HP, tel: 01642 531017, email: james.w.franklin@nthvorld.com

HMS Glamorgan Falklands Association Reunion 2007: Proposed venue is Warners Lakeside Holiday Resort, Hayling Island. Association members are Hayling Island. Association memoris and invited to contact the Committee for furth

invited to contact the Committee for further information and to confirm their support. Contact John Barker on 01329 237290.

HMS Goldcrest (RNAS Brawdy): LSTD Bob Treloar met WSTD Sylvia Clements at HMS Goldcrest. They got married there in 1967. If you remember them and would like to get in touch write to 4 Leopold Street, Southsea PO4 0JZ, tel: 023 9283 7152 or email: bot treloar@inthworld.com

email: Dob.treioar@ntiworid.com
HMS Hardy: Steve (Larry) Leatham is
seeking Clive Bryan, originally from Stokeon-Trent, and both in the stoker intake of Feb
73. Contact Steve at Repslagargatan 8, Plan
4, 11486, Stockholm, Sweden or email:
steve.leatham@era.ericsson.se

HMS Hartland: Seeking anyone who knew Stoker Charles 'Frenchy' Barton, who saw action in several RN ships in World War

II. He was in Hartland when she was sunk at Oran in November 1942. If you served with him, contact his son Bob in the first instance Write to 56B Broadway, Abington, Northants NN1 4SQ or tel: 07867 508558.

NN1 4SQ or tel: 07867 508558.

RHS Holbrook: Seeking Brian Kelly, who joined the Hospital School in 1954. He possibly joined the Navy at HMS Ganges and his father was Captain of HMS Flowerdown near Winchester. Contact Bill Rayner, Priestlands, Mill Lane, Horndon on the Hill, Essex SS17 8LX, tel: 01375 642057 or email: bill@svbil101 freesere.co.uk

Winchester. Contact Bill Rayner, Priestlands, Mill Lane, Horndon on the Hill, Essex SS17 BLX, tel: 01375 642057 or email: bill@sybil101.freeserve.co.uk
William Charles Laban: If anyone knew or has any mementoes belonging to William, who died on September 22, 1943 and was buried in King Tom Cernetery, Freetown, Sierra Leone, contact Terence Barker on 07949 891516 or email: 7473@aol.com
Peter (Tansy) Lees is seeking anyone who served with him between 1947 and 1964 in Impregnable, Vanguard. Devonshire, Orwell, Daring, Cardigan Bay, Verulam, Ashanti, St Kitts, Vernon, Osprey, Drake, Nepal, Tamar and Illustrious. Contact Peter at 164 Browns Lane, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands. B93 9BD, tel: 01564 778887 or email: PLRNRtd@aol.com
Ts Leopard SCC, Birmingham: Were you a member of this unit? What did you go on to do? What are you doing now? The Unit are trying to find out about past members. If you can help with info or pictures, contact Donna Mills, TS Leopard Trustee, TS Leopard SCC, Kingsdown Ave, Birmingham B42 1NF or email: Tshipleopard@aol.com
HMS Loch Fyne early 1950s: George (Ginge) Chapman would like to hear from anyone who knows him. He was on Loch Fyne whilst they were searching for the submarine Affray. The only name he can recall was Mumford. If you can help George contact him at 42 Oakdean Court, Lacey Green, Wilmslow SK9 4ED, tel: 01625 415328, email: battersea@georgewilliam.fsnet.co.uk
LS(R) Joe Murphy, served 1932-96, would like to contact old shipmates. He served in Fearless, Glasgow, Vork, Edinburgh as well as Dryad, Nelson, Neptune, Cochrane and MOD London. Where are Jim Ralston, Malc Smith, Jock Quinn, Lewi Lewis, Doug Wylie and Jock Parkinson? Joe also had three brothers serving – lan, Martin and Patrick. You can contact Joe at 9 Vicarage Gardens, Burscough, West Lancs L40 7UU or email: nic-joe@lineone.net
HMNZS Pegasus: Seeking CPODEF Gordon Fagan, ex-RN and RNZNVR. Gordon was in Pegasus in the 1980s before returning to the UK. Pegasus: Soekong CPODEF Gordon. Contact WoVTR Wendy Somerville at we

Somerville at wendy.somerville@nzdf.mil.nz or write to PO Box 25-009, Christchurch, NZ.

HMS Primrose, Flower-class corvette: Teresa Newman's father Henry (Harry)

Newman sailed in her during WWII and is seeking info about the ship. Write to Teresa at 1477 Ester Drive, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, email: tnewman4@cogeco.ca

HMS Puma: Ray Lloyd is seeking anyone who served in Puma 1961-63 and Amazon 1961, when they visited Tristan da Cunha. You can contact Ray on 01922 648488 or email: ray@hekla.fsnet.co.uk

HMS Paleighs Seption old mates who

emaii: ray@hekla.fsnet.co.uk

HMS Raleigh: Seeking old mates who
joined Raleigh on November 28, 1983 in
Drake 48 division, as a radio operator, especially Gilly and Dave Hoolan or anyone who
remembers John Taylor. Contact him at 321
Alexandra Court, Holdbrook South, Waltham
Cross, Herts ENB 75W, tel: 01992 761004 or
email: 'aur tel @htopsworld com nail: jay.tee1@btopenworld.com HMS Finisterre 1946-7: Stokers or Motor

Boats crew. Longing to hear from you.
Contact John D. Morley, 23670 36a Avenue,
Langley, BC, Canada V2Z 2J6 or email:
ohndmorley@shaw.ca

Royal Marines 858NS Squad: Planning Royal Marines 858NS Squad: Planning to celebrate a 50th anniversary reunion of 858NS in 2004, possibly at Lympstone. Ten already in contact, where are the rest? Contact Brian Clow on 01564 783474 or David Embury on 01932 849797 or email: david.embury@lineone.net
Royal Marines Association (Edinburgh Branch) meet on the last Tuesday of every month at the RBL, 33 Rodney Street, Edinburgh EH7 4EL at 1900 for 1930. More details can be obtained from the Secretary, Joe Paterson, on 0131 555 5581 or email: joe\_paterson@msn.com

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HMS Scarborough: Colin Young is seeking Alan Josey from Reading. Last known as LWEM on HMS Hermes in the mid-1970s. Alan lived with wife Maralyne in married quarters in Tamerton Foliet, Plymouth. Colin and Alan served in HMS Scarborough from 1971. Contact Colin at 24 Avis Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool L10 4YT, tel: 0151 476 3439 or email: calcol381@aol.com

Hospital Ship St David, sunk off the coast of Anzio during WWII. Lauren Hopcutt's great-aunt, Lt Winnie Harrison, went down with the ship. Lauren wants to know more of the ship and the people on board. Write to 5 Attorneys Walk, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AA or tel: 01584 875890

HMS Suffolk: Seeking news of Signalman Dick Roberts, originally from Brighton. Served in Suffolk, later joined Combined Ops. Contact John Blackman, 1 Saltdean Drive, Brighton BN2 8SB, tel: 01273 302147.

HMS Theseus, Korea 1950-1: Seeking sk-Leading Stoker Mechanic Ray (Richie)

HMS Theseus, Korea 1950-1: Seeking ex-Leading Stoker Mechanic Ray (Richie) ex-Leading Stoker Mechanic Hay (Hichel) Richardson, who came from Scarborough. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, or any of the other mess-mates on starboard wing mess read this, contact Tom on 01302 743230, Jack on 01302 743351 or Pete on

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### Reunions

#### September

HMNZS Pegasus: It is the 75th anniversary of the Canterbury (New Zealand) Division of RNZNR and RNZNVR in September. Further details from WOWTR Wendy Somerville at wendy,somerville@nzdf.mil.nz or write to PO Box 25-009, Christchurch, New Zealand or phone: +64 3 353 4022.

Fisgard Association annual reunion, 'Green and White' dinner dance at the Boval Circum and White' dinner dance at the Boval

Green and White dinner dance at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth, on September 5. Details from the Secretary on 023 9266 2778, email jrstupp@yahoo.co.uk also see www.fisgardassociation.org On the third Friday of each month there is a SE Area reunion and lunch at the Tollgate Motel, Gravesend, at 1200. Contact Sam Watson on

HMS Diana Association reunion HMS Diana Association reunion in Birmingham from September 12 to 14. All commissions welcome. Contact Bob Boulter on 0121 783 7486 for details.

#### October

A memorial service is to be held for Arthur Squire, landlord of the Avondale Arms, Devonport (St Levan Gate) for 54 Arms, Devonport (St Levan Gate) for 54 years. He was well-known within the service community from looking after servicemen 365 days a year, hosting those with nowhere to go at Christmas for dinner to sending every member of the Naval Task Force a small parcel during the Falklands Campaign. The list of his kindness and dedication is endless. The service is at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall on October 4 at 1100 end of the parcel of the Augusto Arms.

metriodist Central Hall on October 4 at 1100 and afterwards at the Avondale Arms.

HMS Vanguard 1945-60 annual reunion at Newcastle-on-Tyne from October 10 to 13. Details from Mrs C. Harris, 21 Telford Close, Burntwood, Staffs WS7 9LQ, tel: 01543 685099.

HMS Glory Association reunion from October 10 to 13 at the County Hotel, Llandudno. Contact Tom Stallard on 01303

256457.
Fisgard Association Midlands Area members and guests reunion and lunch on October 11 at the Nautical Club, Birmingham at 1200. Details from the Secretary on 023 9266 2778 or email: jrstup@yahoo.co.uk also see www.fisgardassociation.org
HMS Morecambe Bay reunion October 24 to 26 on Isle of Wight. Contact Doug Turk for details on 01252 664694 or email doug.turk@ntlworld.com

#### November

Fisgard Association AGM, November 22 at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth. Details from the Secretary, 023 9266 2778, email: jrstupp@yahoo.co.uk also

#### April 2004

HM Captain Class Frigates will hold a reunion in Brighton from April 15 to 19. All excrew members of the 78 ships are invited to attend and meet shipmates from the World War II. For info, phone Harry Fine on 020

8455 9400.

HMS Undine & Urchin Association reunion at the Auckland Hotel, Morecambe, Lancs from April 16 to 19. Anyone who wants to go along can obtain a booking form from Chris Heslop, 68 Rakesmoor Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 4LQ, tel: 01229 email Chris.Heslop@tesco.net

HMS Illustrious Association, Northern Branch annual reunion at the Hacketts York House Hotel, Blackpool from April 16 to 19. Details from Ronnie (Dixie) Dean on 01204

Fourth Destroyer Squadron Association (HMS Agincourt, Aisne, Alamein, Barrosa, Corunna, Dunkirk, Jutland

### HMS Royalist Association reunion on May 14-15 at the Stretton Hotel, Blackpool, for members serving 1943-56. All shipmates, family and friends welcome. Details from George Craddock, 103 Broadmeadow Lane, Birmingham B30 3PB, tel: 0121 458 5621 or M Smithers on 01202 293360. HMS Fleetwood fourth reunion is at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Queen Street, Portsmouth from May 16 to 19. All ex-ship's company members welcome. Details from Z-Class Destroyers Association: Shipmates from HM ships Myngs, Zephyr, Zest, Zodiac, Zambesi, Zealous, Zenith and Zebra keen to join the Association and attend company members welcome. Details from Keith Rayner, 11 Newfield Crescent, Acklam, Middlesbrough TS5 8RE, or email at krayners@ntlworld.com

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Lynn, Norfolk, tel: 01553 827102 or email: NewtonChestnut@aol.com
HMS Arrow (H42): Mr A. Lans, survivor of the Greek ship SS Poseidon, which was torpedoed after sailing from Halifax in September 1940, would like to contact any of the ship's company of HMS Arrow. He was rescued with others from a raft. Contact Mr Lans at 80. Cranford Rd, Wilmslow SK9 4DY.
HMS Blackcap: The Antrobus Heritage Group is making an archive of photos, documents, memories, stories etc. about RNAS Stretton, HMS Blackcap, to be kept in the Cheshire Record Office and copies in local libraries. It is also hoped to produce a book at cost. Can you help? Items for return should be sent by recorded delivery. Contact Derek Enfield, Co-ordinator, Antrobus Heritage, New Rd, Antrobus CW9 6NY, tel: 01565 777248.

Forgotten Brothers of Iceland: Roger Cundiff's father commanded AFD17 in Iceland 1944 and received a certificate from the Forgotten Brothers for spending more than 100 days inside the Arctic Circle. He wants to hear from any other members of the 'FBI', and from anyone who served in AFD17, especially on the tow from Iceland to Australia. Contact Roger at Sealladh-an-loch, Lochcarron, Strathcarron, Ross-shire IV54 8YD, tel: 01520 722608 or email:

8YD, tel: 01520 722608 or email: cundiff.locknaron@virgin.net HMS Ceres, Wetherby: Ronald Christopher Ward trained at Ceres in 1951, joined HMS Annet and then on to become a steward under Admiral Parham in Chatham

joined HMS Annet and then on to become a steward under Admiral Parham in Chatham 1954-6. He wants to get in touch with anyone who knew him, especially George Cude with whom he served on Mull of Galloway. Any pictures or info would also be acceptable. Contact his daughter, Mrs Dougherty, 21 Manor Road, Marston Moretaine, Beds MK43 ONT, tel: 01234 764383, email: glendadougherty@hotmail.com
HMS Coventry 1981-2: Capt David Hart Dyke would appreciate any articles or extracts from diaries written by any member of the ship's company about their experiences before, during and after the Falklands conflict. Any contributions, no matter how brief, will be acknowledged and attributed in the book should it be published. Write to Hambledon House, Hambledon, Hants PO7 4RU or email: dhartdyke@tiscali.co.uk
HMS Dianella 1942: What happened to the crew after PQ17? Are there crew lists for

the period from 1942 when repairs needed after PQ17 were completed? If you can help, contact Alan Middlemass, 11 Auton Stile, Bearpark, Durham, tel: 0191 373 0220 or

email: alananne@middlemass.org.uk
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Enigma (W175) and would like to know the
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Colin.Smith35@btinternet.com

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William Henry Furze was a Navy diver based in Devonport and a member of the Gun Crew in the 60's. His son, who was only two when his father died, would like to know more about his father. If you knew him and can help, contact Douglas Furze, 26 Firlands Road, Barton, Torquay, Devon TO2 8EW, tel: 01803 310652, email: Familyfurze@aol.com

HMICF 16: Seeking anyone who served with Jim Davis in HMICF 16: Messina from 1941 onwards. Contact David Morgan, 14 Thomas Close, Ledbury HR8 2UT, tel: 01531 634251 or email: MORGANACRES@aol.com

HMS Howe: The late father of Delysia Selway, Stanley George Eddy from Bristol.

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HMS Howe: The late father of Delysia Selway, Stanley George Eddy from Bristol, served in Howe 1943-5 as a gunner. If anyone knew him, please contact Delysia at 31 Dennor Park, Hengrove, Bristol BS14 9BY, tel: 01775 E4322 persid beliefely by 18421.

275 543822, email chrisdelysia@uk2.net Francis (Frank) Frederick Johnson: His grandson is trying to get information about him and the ships in which he served. He enlisted at HMS Duke (Great Malvern) in 1942 as a stoker, served at Pembroke 2, Drake 2 and in Landing Craft Tank 321 in 1943 and HMS Campa 1943 and HMS Campania when he crossed the Arctic Circle in 1946. Frank has sadly

crossed the bar. Contact James Johnson, 44 St Anne's Grove, Knowle, Solihull B93 9JB or

St Anne's Grove, Knowle, Sollinul B33 930 or email: james, johnson@tesco.net HMS Malaya 1941: Keith Mansbridge is researching his wife's family (Jones), one of whom, her uncle John Anthony Jones served in the RN 1940-6 as a telegraphist and a PO Radio Mech(WR). He served in HMS Malaya in 1941 but Keith has been unable to trace all her movements that year. Contact Keith at 6 Rosemount Garden Villas, Heywood Lane, Tenby SA70 8BQ, tel: 01834 844100, email:

Rosemount Garden Villas, Heywood Lane, Tenby SA70 8BQ, tei: 01834 844100, email: k.mansbridge@btopenworld.com
HMS Philoctetes: Can anyone provide a copy of a photo of this depot and repair ship, preferably in Freetown, circa 1944. Allan Wynd's father was a CEA on her at the time. Contact Allan at 10 Glanfield Close, Bishops Lydeard TA4 3BH, tel: 01823 432733 or email: loumail@iclway.co.uk
Lincoln Sea Cadet Unit: The junior section are seeking individuals who were baptised in the bell of HMS Lincoln. Names and dates: Suzanne Katherine Poland - no date; Claire Innocent - October 14, 1973; Nicola Susan and Ian Robert Harrison - April 26, 1970; Nichola Broniman - October 6, 1971; Andrea Shorthouse - February 6, 1972 and Nicholas Hugh Colin Thomson - August 13, 1972. If you can help, contact Simon Bartle, Lincoln SCU, Brayford Wharf, Lincoln LN1 1YW.
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Looking for anyone who served with the late David George Smith (Smudger), RN career 1953-77. Served in Enard Bay, Cockade, Bunge, Ulster, Orion, Belfast, Sultan, Wakeful, Galatea, Bellarophon, Venden, Wickey, Chauton, Lidir, Packlein

Sultan, Wakeful, Galatea, Bellarophon, Verulam, Victory, Chawton, Judiari, Reclaim and Ark Royal. Any info, stories, pictures about Dave or these ships would be appreciated. Contact his daughter, Sharon Smith, 153 Parklands, Banbury, OX16 2TD, tel: 01295 256125 or email: saw.wame?wirgin.net Trawlers: On March 3, 1944, a trawler under the command of Lt R.R. Simpson RNR sank U343 off Sardinia, the sole escort of a small group of merchant ships. Does anyone remember this incident? Could they contact Lt Cdr Geoff Dormer RNR (Retd), Yew Tree Cottage, Dittisham, Devon TQ6 0EX.

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HMS Triumph: Bob Ward served in Triumph as an electrician. On one trip they visited St Petersburg, Russia, around 1953. Bob and Alan Hotine have photos and post-Boo and Alan Hollie have protos and post-cards of that visit and wonder if anyone can enlighten them about the other ships that were with Triumph. Contact A. Hotine, 'Cherry Trees', 142 Newton Rd, Torquay, TO2 7AD, tel: 01803 617283 or email: alih1@blueyon-

HMS Yarmouth: Mick Sweeney's daugh-ter was christened in the bell of HMS Yarmouth and would like to know where the bell is today. If you can help contact S.G. Stephen, 17 Castlehey, Clay Brow. Skelmersdale WN8 9DU, tel: 01695 559359,

### **Pearl River** 'incident' remembered

THE 'PEARL River Incident' is to be commemorated this month by a group of veterans in Hong Kong On September 9, 1953, HM Motor Launch 1323, commanded

by Lt G. Merriman, left the boat pool at HMS lamar for a patrol The launch had stopped to search a Chinese junk on the western side of Hong Kong hen a warship was spotted approaching

them downriver from Canton. Lt Merriman ordered the helsman to steer towards the ship, a Chinese landing craft, to take photos when the so-called 'Incident' occurred, resulting in the death of six of the crew – including Lt Merriman – and an officer of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

They were buried at the Happy

Valley Cemetery. For the 50th anniversary of the

incident, 28 members of the Hong Kong Flotilla Association, with wives and guests, will lay wreaths and pay homage to the men who



# Topmast making good progress

HAVING recently taken over from Cdr Steve Turner as the General Service Warfare Branch Drafting Commander, I have been impressed by the progress of TOPMAST which has now been with us for almost 18 months.

It is evident that many of the initial teething problems are being overcome by a combination of intelligent and imaginative management by those at the coal-face and the desire by many of those within the system to make it work for them.

The next phase of TOPMAST commences in April 2004 when Leading Hands will join the squads; in order to achieve this, my team will start drafting action next month (October 2003) to place all LOMs in squads at the appropriate start dates.

#### Records

The TOPMAST Squad System (TMSS) has placed a greater reliance on Divisional Officers to scrutinise ratings' documents with more regular frequency to ensure that task books are completed on time and that any courses undertaken are correctly recorded.

Many of the courses undertaken

well as other recognised qualifica-

Ratings are strongly advised to take an active interest in the accuracy of their records and check with their Divisional Officers on return from the squad and/or courses that their records have been updated correctly.

#### Advancement

Currently, most warfare sub branches are underborne at the LOM and Petty Officer levels.

This means that, for those with the ability and an eye to advancing themselves through the system quickly, career progression prospects have never been better.

These shortages have resulted in a reduction in the waiting time from successful completion of the PPE and commencement of career

In many cases, ratings now join the next available course

#### **Driving licences**

Manning the British Forces Falkland Islands (BFFI) posts requires a steady stream of personnel in order to ensure that the sixmonth change round times are

All personnel serving in BFFI are required to be able to drive; consequently, personnel without current UK driving licences are provided with driving lessons and a

test as part of their PJT package at no cost to themselves.

Drafty is always pleased to receive applications from personnel who do not hold current UK driving licences to serve in BFFI and will happily fund the costs of lessons and the test.

Volunteers for BFFI should annotate their requests with a note stating whether or not they are holders of a current driving licence, in order that Drafty can arrange for the courses to be booked to meet deployment dates.

#### **Regional Drafting** and Careers Advisers (RDCAs)

The RDCAs can be found in each of the three Naval Bases, alongside or near the Waterfront Manning Offices.

Divisional Officers, Divisional Senior Rates, Executive Warrant Officers (EWO) and TMSS squad ratings are strongly advised to visit the RDCAs to establish time scales and availability of jobs.

The RDCAs are a resource available to all personnel and are there to assist you, the customer: an increasing number of personnel who use the RDCAs are finding that they are, in fact, getting the jobs and courses that they want.



'How'd your talk go?'

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LADY Rosie West, wife of First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Alan West, performed the official naming ceremony for the Fleet's new Amphibious Landing Ship at Swan Hunters yard on the Tyne.

RFA Largs Bay is the first of a class of four 16,000 tonne ships for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the first to be built on Tyneside

She is designed to deploy troops, vehicles and equipment directly into operational areas and has a large stern internal docking area to enable craft to load up.

Largs Bay also has a very large flight deck area to operate all types of RN, Army and RAF helicopters.

Along with her three sisters, RFAs Lyme Bay, Cardigan Bay and

Mounts Bay, she will be an integral part of future amphibious task groups, working alongside HMS Ocean, Bulwark and Albion. All four are expected to be in service by 2005.

 TALL ORDER: RFA Largs Bay on Tyneside (left) and serenaded by the Royal Marines Band (below)

Pictures: LA(PHOT) Rob Harding



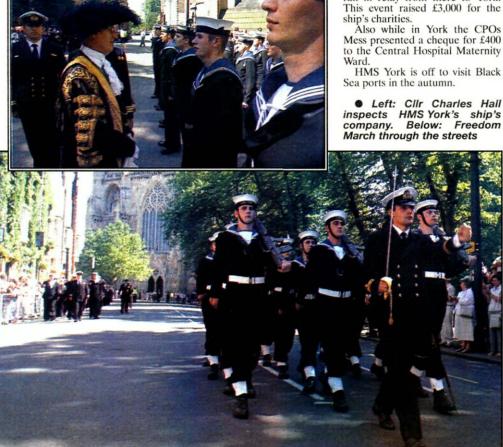
# York revisted, two years on

NABLE to visit her namesake adopted for two years owing to opera-tional commitments – notably the war to overthrow Saddam Hussein – HMS York made up for lost time with a Freedom Parade through the narrow historic

The salute was taken by the Lord Mayor Cllr Charles Hall and the Type 42 destroyer's Commanding Officer, Cdr Richard Powell from the steps of the Mansion House. While in York, the ship's company were happy to resume their liaison with John Smith's Brewery and the Nestle chocolate company – suppliers of regular consignments of Yorkie

bars. The Merchant Adventurers of York Livery Company presented PO Kevin Murphy and LCHEF David Hardy with commemorative tankards in recognition of their outstanding contributions in maintaining morale throughout the recent war in Iraq.

A team organised a triathlon during which they rowed the equiv-alent of the length of the Solent on a rowing machine, rode a cycle relay from Portsmouth to meet the ship as it docked in Hull and then ran in relay from there to York. This event raised £3,000 for the ship's charities.







### Royal Naval Association

### Ex-General Secretary crosses bar

FORMER RNA General Secretary Capt Jim Rayner RMR has died.

S/M Rayner was Assistant General Secretary, then General Secretary, from 1980 to 1996. Both RNA President Vice

Admiral John McAnally and cur-rent General Secretary Commodore Barry Leighton have conveyed the Association's pro-found condolences to Jim's wife Trish and her family.

RNA HQ in London was closed on the day of the funeral both as a mark of respect and to allow as many members of staff as possible to attend the funeral at Portchester Crematorium, where dozens of standards were paraded.

Instead of flowers, donations were made to the 41 Independent Commando RM Association - Jim was wounded in action while serv-ing with 41 on December 2, 1951,

Donations may be made c/o Mr Fred Hayhurst, 3 Caernarvon

# Lorna reclaims her past Bromley pair court

A NAVAL legacy, ignored for many years by Lorna Acton, was rediscovered last year by chance when she received an unexpected invitation from an old school friend to attend a dinner given by the Cork and County (No 12 Area) branch

of the Association.

As a Naval outsider she had never heard of the Association

### Date at Eden

DESPITE terrible weather. members of Launceston branch travelled to the Eden Project in St Austell, Cornwall, to support the RN Presentation Team (RNPT) which was there to publicise the role and work of the modern Royal Navy.

The event was well attended by local people from all sec-tions of the public, and thor-oughly enjoyed by members of the branch, who recommend a visit to the team's future events.
■ RNPT launch – p8

the experience proved a healing one for her. Lorna's account of finding her "lost legacy", broadcast on Irish national radio, gave a great boost to the RNA.

Describing how strange she felt on entering the room where the dinner was held and seeing the Irish Tricolour and the Union Jack displayed together, she said: "I felt a flicker of momentary unease, as if I had stepped into another

What amazed Lorna even more was the sight of Irish and British uniforms blending happily, as were northern and southern accents.

As she listened to the banter and naval chat, she got her first insight into her parents' loss.

Lorna was born in June 1945, three months after her father - an RN officer – died. Numbed by grief and the loss of her young hus-band, her mother lost touch with the Navy as she coped with bring-

Southern Ireland in the 1950s contributed further to her isolation - RN ships did not visit southern ports, there were no parades and commemoration services for the Irish who fought and died in World War II, and poppies were rarely worn on Remembrance Day.

Growing up in an environment which emphasised Irish language and nationality, Lorna had no option but to swim with the tide. Sensitive to her mother's grief, "that unhealed wound remained with us, and the presence of my father's death hung like his Naval uniform, unmentioned," she said.

When her mother died - and "a fragile Naval legacy seemed to die with her" - Lorna was 22 and had to wait a further 35 years before rediscovering that legacy at the RNA dinner. She is now an associate member of the Cork branch.

"I had spent my life unaware that such an organisation existed,

YET SHE SANK AT

CHATHAM IN 1696

play for those in any way connected to the Royal Navy," she said.

Since finding this connection,

Lorna – an enthusiastic member has attended a reception on board HMS Sutherland ("a wonderful experience") and a ceremony in Cobh to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of a number of RN personnel who were killed in an explosion off the Fastnet rock.

Watching the Tricolour and Union Jack being lowered to half-mast and seeing both navies respond to commands in the Irish language "I knew I was present at yet another step forward for our two nations, accomplished sensi-tively and with dignity," she said. More recently, Lorna attended

the Sea Sunday service in her home town of Kinsale, proudly wearing her father's medals.

As she walked past her childhood home, she was "overwhelmed with emotion", she said.

HOW INTERESTING!

# success

THE SUCCESS of S/Ms Steve Susans and Tom Keats in the standard-bearers competition at Sittingbourne was celebrat-

ed by **Bromley** branch. Tom came third in the novice section and Steve first, and second as area standard bear-

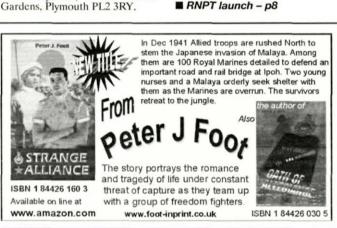
Thanks to much work carried out by members, the roof no longer leaks in the meeting hall, TS Narvik, on Bromley Common.

The hall has, in fact, been

completely refurbished.

Members meet on the first Friday at 7.30pm and a warm welcome is extended to post-war matelots and Wrens who, on a first visit, get a free drink.

To meet this very friendly and happy ship's company, call S/M Bob Puttrick on 020 8462 4184 for details.









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### Cyprus marks Sea Sunday

A CONTINGENT from the RN Cyprus Squadron, under their Commanding Officer Lt Cdr Nobby Hall, with members of the **Cyprus** branch, attended Sea Sunday service at All Saints Church, Episkopi, conducted by branch chaplain the Rev Neil Maxted.

The service concluded with the large congregation singing the traditional Naval hymn For Those in Peril on the Sea.

A welcome was extended at a recent branch meeting to the Rev David Bowen and Mr Clifford Burkett, the charity secretary of the Masonic Lodge, Freemasons of Herefordshire.

The visitors did not come empty-handed, but presented a £250 cheque to chairman S/M Nigel Trigg.

### Widows not forgotten by Peel branch

THE COMRADESHIP of the sea was experienced and enjoyed by the widows of former members when they were invited to join members of the Peel (Isle of Man) branch for lunch in Peel

Golf Club.

It was a happy occasion for all the visitors concerned, especially the visitors who were reunited with many old friends.

The summer also brought an influx of many friends to the island, including from Liverpool, Chester and Birmingham branches, who were entertained in the Creek Inn.

Since the closure of the Viking Longhouse, members meet in the Royal British Legion club, Douglas Street, Peel.

### Uckers excitement

NUMBER 8 Area Uckers championship may not be in the big league, but make no mistake, excitement reaches fever pitch approaching the final of the inter-

branch games.
The **Birmingham Shard End** team, led by S/M Bob Bolter – last year's champions - may yet score a

double whammy.

They have reached the final

stages of the contest, winning 2-1 against **Birmingham Central** and, according to Bob, will give a good

account of themselves in the finals.
All the games take place in a
wonderful atmosphere, competitors and supporters reliving and
renewing the friendship enjoyed on the mess deck as young sailors, when Uckers played a big part in

### £50 PRIZE PUZZLE



The mystery ship in our July edition was HMS Exmouth, the first major RN warship to be propelled entirely by gas turbine engines.

The winner of the £50 prize was Lt Peter Lippe of the DCSA, Corsham.

This month's ship was one of two chartered by the Ministry of Defence as temporary replacements for lost vessels.

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### Royal Naval Association



### **Impressive** turn-out for **Sea Service**

THE WEATHER was perfect for the parade and Sea Service of the **Maidstone** branch, attended by representatives of branches throughout Kent and Sussex, as well as ex-Service associations.

Two divisions of veterans, the Maidstone platoon and one of visiting shipmates and friends from other associations - displaying more than 20 standards proudly marched through Aylesford for a service in the village church of St Peter and St

The parade was supported by the band, escorts and guard of Sea Cadets from TS Scott and TS

The church was packed to capacity for the service and rededication of the branch standard, conducted by branch chaplain, Rev Simon Tillotson.

The Lesson was read by Rear Admiral Sir Gerard Pearce and the Exhortation by Mr D. Flander. Following the service the salute

at the march-past was taken by Admiral Pearce, accompanied by the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr and Mrs de Sousa.

The ceremonies over, all adjourned to the village hall for a super buffet provided by the ladies. The branch thanks them, and all who supported the occa-

# Veterans open Spey exhibition

IT WAS a day to remember for wartime veterans S/Ms J. Bickmore, J. Heritage and W. Heslop when they proudly walked, flanked by standards, to open the HMS Spey exhibition, mounted by the Letchworth and Hitchin

The three former members of the Spey were amazed at the work put into the exhibition and the hositality and friendliness of the shipmates.

The parade, prior to the open

ing, was led by a lone piper, with 15 standards on display.

Star of the exhibition, which won high praise from all – including the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation – was a model of the wartime HMS Spey, the town's adopted warship, which saw service from 1942-46, was sold Heritage Foundation to Egypt in 1948 and renamed Rasheed.

The branch thank all who

helped make the day and the exhibition such a huge success, espe-cially the piper and standard bear-

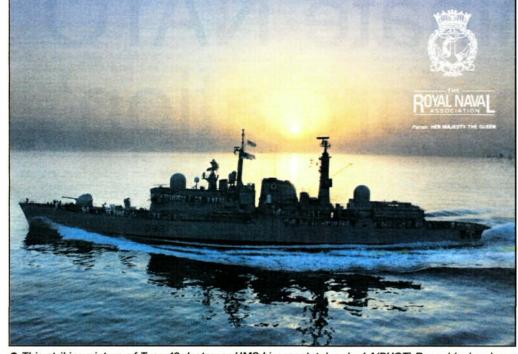
ers.

The team responsible for stag-ing the exhibition have been invited to present it in the foyer of the Spirella Building, Letchworth Garden City, on September 13 and

#### Rich rewards

THE ANNUAL No 4 Area reunion, held earlier in the year at Sand Bay Holiday Village, was a great success in more ways than

It reaped a rich reward of £1,000 each for the Not Forgotten Association, the Mission for Seamen and Cancer UK, plus a further £612 for TS Royalist, to provide three berths for Sea Cadets in the area.



 This striking picture of Type 42 destroyer HMS Liverpool, taken by LA(PHOT) Revnolds, has been chosen for this year's RNA Christmas card. General Secretary Commodore Barry Leighton felt the image was particularly striking and relevant, as not only had the ship been very active this year, including the major Naval Task Group 03 deployment to the Far East, but Liverpool was also the venue for major 60th anniversary commemorations for the Battle of the Atlantic, in which the RNA played a significant role. Prices have been frozen at last year's level, so you will pay £3.50 for a box of ten cards. To order cards, contact HQ RNA at 82, Chelsea Manor Street, London SW3 5QJ, telephone 020 7352 6764, fax 020 7352 7385, email rna@netcomuk.co.uk

### Glasses go for safekeeping

IN THE early days of the Wallsend (Tyne and Wear) branch it was presented with two sets of drinking glasses in glass-fronted cases, inscribed with the names of the Royal Canadian Navy 8th Destroyer Flotilla.

Later, one set was presented to the Wallsend Sea

Cadet Unit as a token of friendship.

As the branch no longer has its own premises, the second set of glasses was recently presented for safekeeping to North Tyneside Council for the people of Wallsend.

### **Bill celebrates** with special cake

THE CREST of the RNA in coloured icing graced Hastings and St Leonards branch helped him celebrate his 90th year at a recent branch meeting. S/M Bill, a life president and the oldest member,

had no difficulty in cutting the cake, provided by S/M Jenny Warman and her daughter.

S/M Bert Driver, branch president, ensured there was plenty of bubbly to toast Bill's 90th birthday, other goodies being provided by S/Ms Jillian Dunne and Margaret Holmes.

### Well done, lads!

FOR THEIR splendid efforts during RNA Conference weekend, Herne Bay branch thank shipmates of Chatham, especially Jack Harris and Bill Murray, whose efforts enabled the new standard to be dedicated in Rochester cathedral.

At their recent Mess Deck supper, the branch was honoured by the presence of 12 guests from Pembroke House.

### Busy time for Cheshunt

TO SAY members of Cheshunt branch have been busy is an

After supporting the Merchant Navy Association in the naming of a new road – Athenia Close – they went on to support the Civic Open Day, the Third Age Movement display in the local university, Beat Retreat at Haileybury College (in aid of the Royal British Legion and Army charities) and finally the Canada Day service in the City of London.



### Past meets up with present

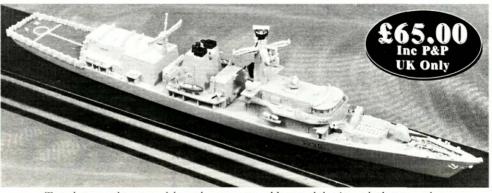
THE PAST met up with the present at a waterfront restaurant on The Hoe in Plymouth during the presentation of the Queen's Colour to the Fleet.

Ex-AB Ted Peskin - formerly of HMS Jamaica during World War II and now president of Marlow branch - joined CPO Connell-Malcolm and LS Robinson and friends who are currently serving at HMS Drake, as can be seen in the picture on the left.

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### In like Flynn, on and off screen

ICE to see the Navy returning to the silver screen with a couple of updated old-fashioned swashbucklers this year. Can't do any harm, can it?

First is the gloriously camp *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (the title says it all, doesn't it?) star-

ring Johnny Depp, who apparently modelled his role on Rolling Stone Keith Richards.

And why not? 'Keef', who used to keep a knife tucked in his boot, famously swung his guitar like a cutlass on at least one occasion when a crazed fan ventured to invade his space.

Then, as reported last month, we will soon have Russell Crowe as Jack Aubrey in Master and Commander, based on the late Patrick O'Brian's superb rejuvenation of the genre started by C. S. Forester's Hornblower series (which has also lately enjoyed huge popularity on TV).

Best of all Hollywood swashbucklers, of course, was Errol

Best of all Hollywood swashbucklers, of course, was Errol Flynn, whose early career before he got into movies, as detailed in his memoir *My Wicked, Wicked Ways*, was even more colourful than anything he portrayed on celluloid.

In his real-life fights (and he got into quite a few of those) Flynn once came of worst at the hands of a woman, though. When his dog fell off his yacht and drowned the US Coast Guard found the body and offered to return it to him. The grief-stricken Flynn couldn't face it and just asked for the dog's col-

stricken Flynn couldn't face it and just asked for the dog's col-lar, which he buried in a pet cemetery.

But gossip columnist Jimmy Fielder reported: "Errol Flynn,

But gossip columnist Jimmy Fielder reported: "Errol Flynn, whose love for his dog Arno has been much heralded, didn't even bother to get his body back when it was washed ashore. That's how much he cared for him."

Meeting up with Fielder in a night club a few weeks later, Flynn smacked him to the floor – and Fielder's wife promptly grabbed a fork from beside her plate and stabbed the star of Captain Blood and The Sea Hawk in the ear with it!

It was Fielder who brought assault charges – but the case was settled out of court and the pair actually became friends.

was settled out of court and the pair actually became friends after Flynn told him: "Your wife has good table manners – she used the right fork!"

Would that all similar disputes were resolved with such good grace, eh? It's seldom that simple, though – and real-life piracy, it goes without saying, is no laughing matter. The number of reported attacks in the first six months of this year rose by 37 per cent over the corresponding period for 2002, according to the International Maritime Bureau which lists a total of 234 on

The level of violence employed also continued to show an increase, with 16 seafarers killed and 52 injured. Ships were boarded in 165 instances and nine were hijacked. As we reported in June, Indonesia continues to record the highest number of assaults, accounting for over a quarter of the world

Here also was the greatest degree of violence – but overall, attacks with guns and knives rose to the highest number since statistics were first compiled in 1991. There are also worrying signs of opportunist thieves becoming increasingly organised. So this is a problem that affects us all.

### It still ain't half hot, mum

AS some of us sweltered at home this summer, spare a thought for our sailors and Marines who routinely suffer the same in the world's regular hot spots - lately in Iraq, the Far East, the Caribbean and West Africa.

Older hands will also remember (and will no doubt remind us of) conditions they endured in HM ships before the advent of air conditioning. (See 'Smiles' above)

# NEWSVIEW Northern Light to illuminate NATO 'transformation'

will take part in Northern Light 03, a major NATO exercise in the Irish Sea off the West coast of Scotland from September 15-26.

Operating together as an inte-grated force will be 50 ships and submarines, 15 fighter aircraft, numerous military helicopters and around 800 amphibious and land troops provided by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the USA - and by partner nations Sweden and

The exercise will be a showcase opportunity for some of the maritime and amphibious capabilities of the new NATO Response Force and will be the first of several similar combined and joint operations as this builds up to full operational capability in October 2004.

The creation of fexible, expeditionary and rapidly deplevable sea, land and air forces is the corner-stone of the new NATO 'Transformation' and the build-up of the NATO Response Force is ahead of schedule, with an initial tion next month.

Northern Light will test the operational capability of the participating forces and Headquarters in responding to a crisis situation.

The Maritime Component Commander will demonstrate the activation of a Higher Readiness Force Maritime Headquarters in HMS Invincible and amphibious and land components will conduct an amphibious landing in Luce Bay, near Stranraer on September

In the continuing drive to improve military capability, Northern Light will also be the test bed for assessing and evaluating a

number of new experimental projects and concepts. These will

 An Autonomous Underwater Vehicle for mine countermeasures

• A nuclear, biological and chemical response team and mobile laboratory

Multinational logistics proce-

• Force protection measures A common operating decision

The exercise will be based on a fictitious scenario depicting an armed insurgency in a non-NATO country threatening border security interests.

Based on a formal mandate by the UN, NATO is asked to help restore stability to the country and enforce an arms embargo by deploying a joint task force with an amphibious capability.

Admiral Sir Jonathon Band, as C-in-C East Atlantic, will lead the

NATO force against the opposing forces led by Vice Admiral Merico Santos of the Portuguese Navy, who is NATO's C-in-C South Atlantic.

At the end of the exercise, NATO's Mine Countermeasures Force Northern Europe (MCM-FORNORTH), a multi-national force of eight minehunters and minesweepers, will visit Liverpool from September 26-28.
MCMFORNORTH provides a

specialist mine countermeasures capability in the strategically important waters of the Baltic, Northern Europe and the North Sea and is one of NATO's four highly mobile maritime Immediate Reaction Forces.

The visit has been timed to coincide with the end of the round the world Clipper Race celebrations due to take place in Liverpool that weekend and the NATO mine-hunters and minesweepers will join ten other warships from seven different nations.

The NATO force will consist of The NATO force will consist of HDMS Laxen and Lindormen (Denmark), FGS Kulmbach (Germany), HNLMS Schiedam (Netherlands), HNOMS Oksoey (Norway), ORP Flaming (Poland), BNS Aster (Belgium) and HMS Inverness (UK).

Two of the vessels, the Force Flag Ship HDMS Lindormen and

Flag Ship HDMS Lindormen and HMS Inverness, will be berthed in Albert Dock over the weekend and HMS Inverness will be open to vis-

After the visit, the Force will sail for the Baltic to take part in combined operations with the Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian Navies as part of the NATO enlargement plan.

'RN reputation riding high' see p41. NATO transformed – special feature next month.



NORTHERN LIGHT: HMS Inverness will be open to visitors at Liverpool

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### Goodbye to the 'Green Foulies'

IT'S THE end of an era for the 'FOST Green Foulie' – on September 1 the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training will swap their traditional Olive Green Foul Weather Clothing (FWC) for the new standard Navy blue Gortex version.

The Green Foulie has been synonymous with the FOST Sea Rider for many years. Anyone who recalls the old Portland-based organisation will doubtless have fond memories of its wearers, too, as well as of its more recent FOST devotees at Devonport and Faslane...

But the new Gortex issue not only offers a more effective item of clothing but also serves to reinforce the change from the old Portland regime and methods of business.

The present day FOST delivers all aspects of sea training across the Fleet and throughout each unit's operational life cycle – as well as for many NATO and foreign navies.

● ALL CHANGE: FOST Devonport staff in their new blue FWCs return the old Portland green version

# Red letter day for Severn IX

ISS Vicky Anderson, partner of the CO of HMS Severn, added a warm splash of colour on a cloudy day when she cut the cake at the commissioning of the Royal Navy's newest warship at Portsmouth.

The ninth warship to bear the name, HMS Severn is one of three River-Class Offshore Patrol Vessels ordered from Vosper Thornycroft.

Also present for the ceremony were her sponsor Mrs Felicity Guild, wife of Controller of the Navy Rear Admiral Nigel Guild, and the CO of her affiliated RNR unit at Bristol HMS Flying Fox, Cdr David Holmes.

Said Cdr Holmes: "It was a special day for all of us. I know that everyone in Flying Fox is looking forward

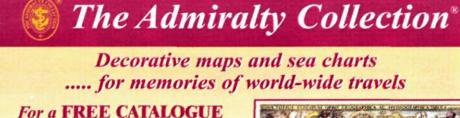
immensely to supporting them for many years to

The first HMS Severn was commissioned into the RN in 1695. Since then eight more ships carrying the name have gained battle honours at Algiers, the Belgium coast, Konigsberg, Norway, the Atlantic, Sicily and the Aegean.

The ninth Severn is due to dock at her affiliated town of Newport on September 23-25 for her first formal visit and Flying Fox will cement the relationship by sending a contingent to visit the ship.

 WELL SLICED: Vicky Anderson cuts HMS Severn's commissioning cake assisted by MEM Martin Bloomfield



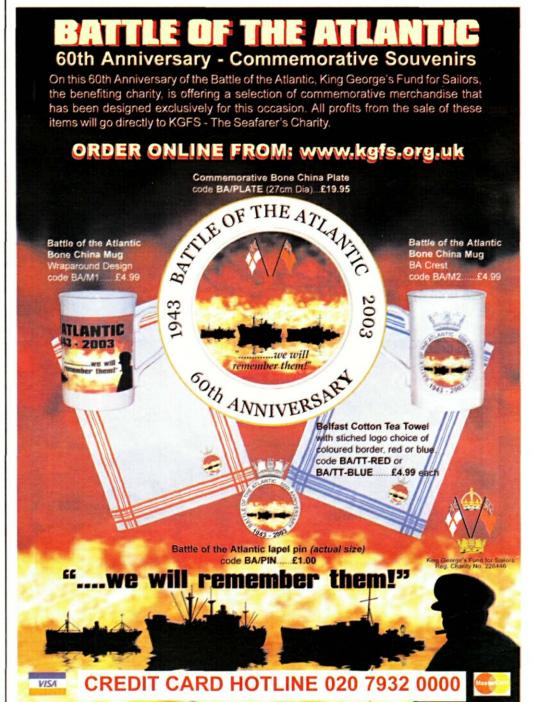


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# IMAGES OF WAR GO ON-LINE

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This new resource means that for the first time it is possible to access the museum's catalogues via its web-

Over 55,000 items are now available in a single database to be searched on the internet.

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The catalogue is enhanced by short essays on major historical themes.

Sound files and text documents are attached to many of these, giving the user more insight into the highlights of the Museum's holdings.

Of particular interest, of course, are the images — and

Of particular interest, of course, are the images – and here we have picked out a selection, including several of a lighthearted nature, showing how our people kept their spirits up – and let their hair down – during a century that saw the most savage periods of warfare in history.

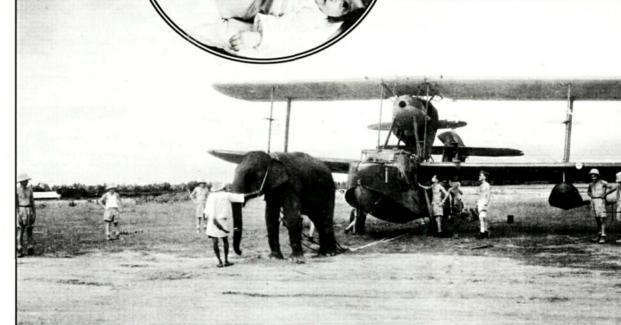
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☐ The IWM's latest exhibition, Women and War, opens on October 15 and will run until April 18, 2004





Bear cub mascot of HMS Royal Oak, c 1918



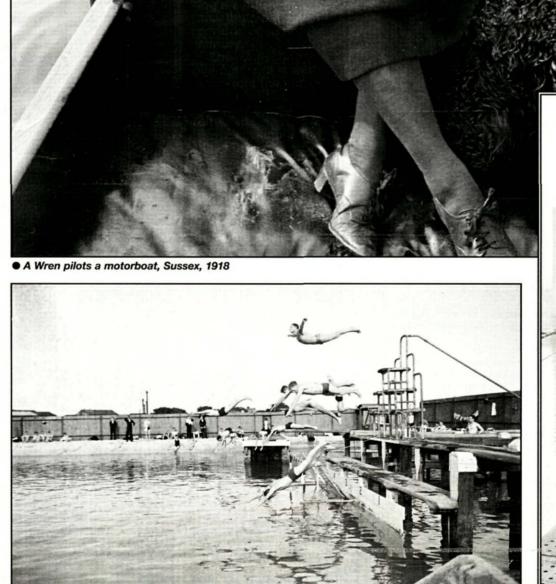
An elephant tows a Fleet Air Arm Walrus, India 1944



■ Hawker Osprey in flight over HMS Eagle, 1933



Wrens load a torpedo into a submarine, 1943



Royal Navy recruits dive into the swimming pool at HMS St Vincent, 1943



### COLOURFUL CHARACTER



RECENT revived interest in Sir Ernest Shackleton (who held an RNR commission for a while) has also focused attention on the superb photographs Australian Frank Hurley (left) took of his 1914-17 Antarctic expedition.

His black and white images of the doomed Endurance as she was slowly crushed in the pack ice of the Weddell Sea have long been justly famous – less so, his colour collection, of which 32 plates survived.

This picture is a particularly fine example of the Paget-colour plate technique, pre-dating colour film, with which Hurley experimented.

It shows John Vincent, making or mending a net. Vincent was physically the strongest of the crew of the James Caird, the ship's boat in which Shackleton and five of his men made their epic 700-mile voyage from Elephant Island to South Georgia.

He was a bully, though, and already disrated on that account from bosun on Endurance. True to type, he collapsed mentally early in the voyage and thereafter was nothing more than a passenger. Shackleton did not forget, and deliberately excluded him – as he did three more who he judged had let him down – when he later recommended his men for the Polar Medal. All survived.

— From The Shackleton Voyages – A Pictorial Anthology of the Polar Explorer and Edwardian Hero introduced by Roland Huntford (Weidenfeld & Nicolson £12.99)

### Forgotten **Fledglings** recalled

TRAVELLING along the A519 between Eccleshall and Newcastle-under-Lyme, it is hard to imagine how this attractive and tranquil area of Staffordshire was dramatically changed during World War II.

Not only was the infamous Royal Ordnance Factory hurriedly carved out of the countryside at Swynnerton, but the area also became home to thousands of munition workers and US troops.

Also in the environs were hundreds of Wrens, based at HMS Fledgling in Mill Meece. This was the first purely WRNS

technical training establishment – and it was at one time the only naval air station fully manned by the Royal Navy.

As the war progressed, HMS Fledgling went on to fulfil another

important role, that of training
Dutch and Canadian ground crew.
HMS Fledgling is also believed
to have been the first establishment to possess a mixed officers'

Yet for all that HMS Fledgling has been largely forgotten since it paid off in 1946.

Graham Bebbington reminds us with **The Fledglings**, available from Churnet Valley Books, 6 Stanley St, Leek, Staffs ST13 5HG at £8.95 plus £1.50pp

# Fitzroy: storm warning

IN February last year the stretch of water to the north-east of Spain, known by generations of devoted listeners to the shipping forecast as Finisterre, was changed to FitzRoy.

NEPTUNE'S LEGACY

The first book to be published in Britain about HMS Neptune, lost with all but one

of her crew on the night of 19 December 1941. A major naval disaster of WW2, it

has been strangely neglected until the present author (daughter of Neptune's

last Captain, Rory O'Conor) determined to write this biography of the ship and as

302pp, 7 illustrations and 106 portraits of crew members on 13pp. 2maps. With Appendix by Cdr John McGregor on the loss of HMS Kandahar which attempted

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Encyclopaedia of British Submarines - P Akermann The Life of a Q-Ship Captain - G Campbell VC My Mystery Ships - G Campbell VC The German Submarine War - Gibson & Prendergast

It was final – and some would say long overdue – recognition for the father of modern weather forecasting (he was the originator of the term 'gale warning'). Admiral Robert FitzRoy was the

founder and first head of Britain's Meteorological Office - but there was much, much more to his extraordinary life than that, as is clear

from two new biographies of him.

The first of these, **Evolution's Captain** by Peter Nichols (Profile Books £16.99) dwells mostly on his first claim to fame, as the young captain of the Beagle that took Charles Darwin on his five year journey round the globe that

many as possible of those who sailed in her.

to go to Neptune's assistance.

resulted in the classic study of the evolutionary process On the Origin

of Species.

FitzRoy got the job after her previous captain, Capt Pringle Stokes, shot himself while the ship lay in the Strait of Magellan.

He seems to have become depressed by the loneliness of command – and this must have shaken FitzRoy deeply.

Because he was only too aware of his own susceptibility to depres-sion and was plagued by the knowl-edge that his uncle, Lord Cas-tlereagh, onetime Minister for War and one of the leading statesmen of Europe, had succumbed to pressure of work and committed sui-

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FitzRoy (a descendant of the first Duke of Grafton, illegitimate son of King Charles II) and Darwin had become friends – and Darwin worried about him when, in the stormy wastes of Tierra del Fuego, he also grew deeply

depressed.

Darwin wrote that he feared he might come to an unhappy

end – and ironically Darwin himself may eventually have been the cause of it. Because when

he finally pub-lished his famous 1859, FitzRoy's horror at what he saw as heresy drove him to suicide, too. FitzRoy had deliber-

ately brought Darwin along with him on the Beagle voyage as a companion with whom he could converse as an equal, free from the bounds of

Naval discipline. But fatally Fitzroy, though a bril-liant navigator and surveyor, was a devout Christian who became something of a fundamentalist after he married a lady who was also deeply religious.

He became a bitter and outspoken opponent of Darwin's theories, as is shown by John and Mary

Gribbin in FitzRoy (Review £18.99). Earlier, FitzRoy had served as a Tory MP for two years and in 1843

Governor of New Zealand, where he had made himself deeply unpopular with the English settlers through his attempts to uphold the rights of the native

Maori. Recalled to Britain in 1845, he returned to active Naval service and began to develop his interest in meteorology. His concern for the wel-

the native

fare and safety of sailors led to the WEATHERMAN: Admiral Robert FitzRoy foundation of the

Met Office in 1854 and he went on to develop a system of weather warnings and signals that was to

save countless lives.

FitzRoy was a workaholic and the burdens of his office and his involvement in the opposition to the idea of evolution brought on

another spell of dark depression. In 1865, like his uncle Castlereagh before him, he cut his throat. His work had not been univer-

sally appreciated. The "bean counters" at the Board of Trade were not convinced that his weather forecasts were providing value for money. After his death a commit-tee of enquiry was set up to look into the work of the Office.

It found fault with almost every-thing he had done, from his methodology to the way he presented his results.

It admitted that the storm warnings were "of some use" and that they were "too important, too pop-ular, and too full of promise of practical utility to be allowed to die", with the implication that they were not yet of practical utility, but found that the daily weather fore-

casts were of no value. For a while the forecasts and storm warning service was withdrawn - but such was the public outcry that the latter was resumed at the end of 1867.

Routine weather forecasts only began to be isssued again ten years later, though.

FitzRoy's precedent did help to ensure that when the service was resumed, however, it was not on a commercial basis, but as a free service for the good of all people





 NELSON: detail from the painting by Lemuel Francis Abbot



• ELIZABETH: from the 'Armada Portrait' by George Gower

THE BRITISH Library has started a new series of concise biographies of our most famous and powerful historic figures - beginning with two with the strongest of Naval connections, both at £12.95 each.

Horatio Lord Nelson, by Brian Lavery, charts Nelson's career from his first posting in peacetime, at the age of 12, to his rapid rise through the ranks, his command of the Mediterranean Fleet in HMS Victory, the transformation of his reputation during the Nile Campaign and his heroic death at Trafalgar.

Queen Elizabeth I, by Susan Doran, coincides with

the 400th anniversary of her death and prompts a reevaluation of her life and legacy.

The defeat of the Spanish Armada (an expedition provoked by Elizabeth sending Sir Francis Drake to raid the Caribbean and attack Phillip II's ships harboured in Spain) did more than any other event of her reign to enhance her reputation among contempo-

She agreed to several ambitious strikes at sea thereafter - but they failed in their strategic objectives and most ended in ignominy. Even the sack of Cadiz in 1596 brought her little long-term benefit.

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# Navy 'as busy and relevant as ever': 1SL

HE ROYAL Navy has the diversity and balance of forces to react to almost any crisis around the world," writes First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Alan West in his introduction to The Royal Navy Handbook.

It is "as busy and relevant today as at any time in its long

"All around the world, every day of the year, our ships, aircraft and people are hard at work, defending the UK's interests and acting as a

force for good.

"In these days of cheap and easy air travel, it is easy to forget that our country is an island nation. It relies on international trade for much of its wealth, and over 90 per cent by volume of that trade is still

"The ocean is our national frontier and our shipping route to the world, including our world, including our Commonwealth partners and UK Overseas Territories.

"Furthermore, the great majority of the world's countries have a coastline and two thirds of all peo-ple live within 100 miles of the sea.

"Therefore, a strong and versatile navy is an important asset for a country like the UK with global trade and territorial interests, and a significant player on the international geopolitical scene through such organisations as the United Nations, European Union and

"Remembering that the High Seas give universal right of access and start at only 12 miles from land, a capable navy can exert worldwide influence without run-

ning the diplomatic gauntlet of host nation support. As a consequence of the 1998 Strategic Defence Review the UK armed forces have been progressively changed from their entrenched Cold War state to their current

"For the Royal Navy, this has meant an increased emphasis on flexibility of assets and rapid deployabil-ity. Amphibious capability in particular has been modernised and enhanced markedly, reflecting the growing requirement to conduct operations close to shore rather than openocean fleet actions.

"This shift of emphasis has magnified the value of 'jointery' as land, sea and air forces are likely to be operating in close proximity and with shared objectives. "The structure of today's Royal

Navy is one of four fighting arms: surface ships, submarines, naval air and the Royal Marines. The whole is a unique combination of land, sea and air capabilities merged into a single, flexible force.

"It is equally comfortable operating alone, in joint operations with the Army and RAF, or in multinational forces with NATO

allies or ad hoc coalition partners.
"This inter-operability places



great emphasis on command and control, the ability to communicate and co-ordinate. Successful joint operations depend on the continuous rapid transfer of enormous amounts of data, so mutual compatibility of equipment across service and national boundaries is of

vital importance.
"As it stands today, the Royal Navy has about 130 ships and about 300 aircraft. Commitment to modernisation is manifest in the modernisation is maintest in the biggest military shipbuilding pro-gramme in Europe, including Type 45 destroyers, Albion class amphibious assault ships, Astute class nuclear submarines and Wave class tankers.

"The replacement aircraft carrier project moves on apace, in tan-dem with the development of the Joint Strike Fighter, due in service

"In parallel with recent material changes, the organisation of the Fleet has been completely revised in the last year . . . Women are fully integrated into all branches of the

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Royal Navy except for the Submarine Service and the Royal Marines, where there are com-pelling and fully justified reasons to remain all-male.

"On any day of the year, the Royal Navy will typically be involved in some or all of the fol-

lowing tasks:

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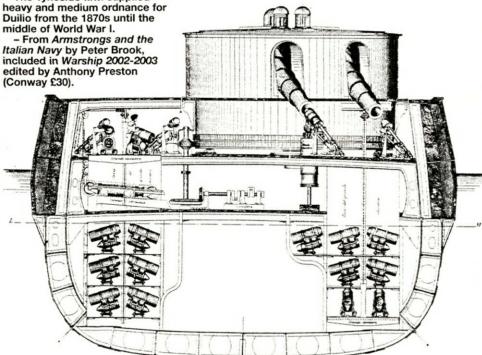


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HMS KENT, the Royal Navy's third County-class guided missile destroyer, was commissioned at Belfast on

August 15.
The principal guest was Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet, who served on the previous Kent as a sublieutenant.

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#### 30 years ago

AFTER crew members of submarine HMS Onyx visited Stockton-on-Tees, pupils at Tilery Junior School in the town decided to raise money for the Navy's bobsleigh team, who were in need of a new sled.

The children took part in sponsored walks and other events so that the new sleigh

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warney July 21.

WEA App Andrew Port. HMS
Collingwood. As the result of a motorbike
crash near Petersfield. Joined Navy in
January 2002, passed out at Raleigh and
served in HMS Edinburgh in Mediterranean.
Aged 21, July 28.

Vice Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh DSO, DSC. World War II submarine captain, Deputy Chief of Delence Staff (1971-73), survivor of epic lifeboat voyage. Joined Navy in 1938, and trained in submarines at Dolphin in 1940. En route to 1st Submarine Flotilla at Alexandria in SS Britannia, the steamer was sunk west of Sierra Leone. McIntosh with 82 fellow passengers crowded into 56-man lifeboat: he drew chart from memory and with Britannia's third officer they steered by sun and stars over 1,500 miles for 23 days to land in Brazil with 36 survivors of journey. After only three-month recovery, joined Porpoise, then Thrasher – during which time earnt DSC, CO of Sceptre (1943) – awarded DSO in 1944 for making Sceptre one of most successful S-boats in home waters and part in Operation Source, towing X-class midget submarines to attack (1943) – awarded DSO in 1944 for making Sceptre one of most successful S-boats in home waters and part in Operation Source, towing X-class midget submarines to attack (1943) – awarded DSO in 1944 for making Sceptre one of most successful S-boats in home waters and part in Operation Source, towing X-class midget submarines to attack (1943) – awarded DSO in 1944 for making Sceptre one of Most successful S-boats in home waters and part in Operation Source, towing X-class midget submarines to attack (1961); CO of Adamant (1962); CO of aircraft carrier Victorous (mid-1960s); Director General Weapons (1968-70); retired in 1973. Chair of Sea Cadets Organisation (1973-83), and involved in preservation of WWII destroyer Cavalier. Aged 83, July 31.

Commandant Vonla McBride. Director WRNS 1976-79. Joined WRNS as direct entry commission in 1949, initially as Wren rating but successfully passed officers' course to become one of first female personnel selection officers. Promoted through second to first officer with periods at the Admiralty, Naval Air Stations in Scotland, Malta and Corrwall; on promotion to chief officer in 1964 returned to Greenwich in charge of new entry training course. With promotion to

(1943-45). Post-war left service and trained as solicitor. HMS Amethyst Association. Aged 83, July 13.

Norman Hancock. Naval architect and innovative designer of Swiftsure-class submarines among others. Joined Plymouth Dockyard as Shipwright Apprentice in 1932, and gained entry into Royal Corps of Naval Constructors. Studied at FINC Greenwich until outbreak of war, then first worked as Constructor at Admiralty's Ship Tanks in Hastar including study into cause of loss of Hood, Post-war travelled to Germany and Far East to study enemy ships, and observed atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. Involved in frigate design, and research and develpment, and held posts as Professor of Naval Architecture at Greenwich, Director of Warship Design (1969-76), and retired in 1976. Later involved in Stingray torpedo design with Marconi. Aged 87, August 5.

Charles Nelson RM. Marine. Royal Marines Association, Edinburgh branch. December 7.

Brian Hughes RM. A/Col. Royal Marines

Brian Hughes RM. A/Cpl. Royal Marines Sociation, Edinburgh branch. Aged 68,

#### Appointments

Cdre T.C. Chittenden to be promoted lear Admiral and to be Chief of Staff Support) to Commander-in-Chief Fleet on 4

Lt Cdr D. Pledger to RFANSU as CO on

1 Sep 03. Capt A.R. Nance to HMS Ark Royal as

Cdr P.D. Burke to HMS Vigilant (Port) as

CO on 7 Oct 03.

Cdr L. Gibbon to be Matron in Chief OARNNS in the rank of Captain OARNNS and Director of Naval Nursing Service on 28 Jul 03.

Lt Cdr M.J. Connell to HMS Severn as

O on 1 Aug 03. Lt Cdr R.M.H. Dane to 820 Merlin, RNAS Idrose, as CO on 2 Sep 03. Lt Cdr J.S. Petherick to HMS Middleton

Lt Cdr R.D. Lintern to HMS Middleton as

Col S.T. Hartnell to 1 Assault Group RM as CO on 9 Dec 03.

CO on 9 Dec 03.

Cdr I.D. Hugo to HMS Drake as Queens rour Master on 25 Nov 03.

Cdr R.M. Tuppen to HMS Edinburgh as 0.5 1.5 p. 1.2 p. 1.2

Lt Cdr P.R.F.D. Aylott to HMS Cattistock

CO on 2 Dec 03.

Lt Cdr J.E. Beadsmoore to HMS alney on 2 Dec 03.

Lt Cdr D.H. Wilkinson to HMS Quorn as

Cdr M.S. Harrison to HMS Illustrious as b(R) on 28 Nov 03. Cdr P.D. Carden to HMS Iron Duke as

O on 23 Sep 03.

Cdr A.P.F. Cassar to HMS Grafton as

CO on 16 Sep 03.
Lt Cdr A.J.L. Watt to HMS Ramsey as CO on 26 Jul 03.

June 4.
Frank Hewlett RM. HMS Aurora
Association, early member. Served aboard
ship from 1940-42. April.
Bert 'Lofty' Edmondson. Chief Cook.
HMS Renown Association. Also served in
Comet (Far East) and RFA Bustler. Aged 83,
July 10. Comet (rai Leasy and Comet (ra

Alex J. Flett RM. Marine. Royal Marines sociation, Edinburgh branch. Aged 71,

nuary 1.

Paul 'Fred' Farrand. Aircraft Handlers sociation. Served in branch 1979-2003.

Paul Free Partanto, Aircraft naniders Association. Served in branch 1979-2003. July 11.

Frederick 'Sharkie' Ward. Petty Officer Airman (Telegraphist/Air Gunner). Served 1939-45. Member of the Goldfish Club — airmen whose lives have been saved by the rubber dinghy — for Timor Sea (815 Sqn), 1944. Principal squadron was 827 including 1942 Malta Convoy (Operation Pedestal) in Indomitable, followed by Far Eastern service with 815 Sqn, Ships included Daedalus, St Vincent, Jackdaw, Indomitable, Victorious, Kestrel, Sheba. Aged 83, July 8.

William 'Ern' Fettham. Warrant Officer. First ship Dorsetshire 1938-42, last ship Bulwark 1973-76, retired in 1976 after 40 years service, Served in D Commando, and other ships included Cardigan Bay and Glamorgan. Aged 81, June 27.

Alan Taylor. Telegraphist. HMS Belfast Association, served in ship 1942-43. July 16.

Frederick Hampson. Signalman. Sixth Destroyer Flotilla Association (1944-46), associate member. Served in Seraphis, 26th Destroyer Flotilla during World War II. Aged 80, July.

Tom 'Taff' Evans, CMEMN(P). Served 1958-80 in London. Sultan. Victorious.

Destroyer Flotilla during World War II. Aged 80, July.

Tom 'Taff' Evans. CMEMN(P). Served 1958-80 in London, Sultan, Victorious, Rooke, Roebuck, Hampshire, Blake and Victory. Aged 63, June 24.

Brian Lawrence. Ck(S). Served 1961-70. Ships include Eagle, London, Torquay. Devonport Field Crew 1962, 1965 and 1968. Aged 60.

Vic Bolger. Stoker. Served in Atherstone (1942-45) and former-German destroyer Nonsuch (1946).

Ronald Peter George O'KiII. LME. HMS Belfast Association, served in ship 1949-51 in Korea. July 17.

Ronald Peter George O'Kill. LME. HMS
Bellast Association, served in ship 1949-51
in Korea. July 17.

Lt Richard Alan Harvey. Served in
Consort, Tintagel Castle, Euryalus, Ganges,
Victorious, St Angelo, Hermes, Cambridge
and Drake. Retired in 1978 after 32 years
service. Aged 75, July 15.

Robert 'Bob' Parker. Able Seaman.
Served 1941-46. Served in Tribal-class
destroyer Sikh during her last action at
Tobruk in 1942, following period as prisoner
of war, joined Flower-class Lavender on
which he served during Normandy landingd,
Osprey, Forth, Cochrane. Aged 82, July 27.

Lt Peter W. Mackness. Volunteered as
Boy in 1947. Ships and establishments
included: Ganges, Wakeful, Pembroke,
Jutland, Neptune, Cossack (Korean War),
Obdurate (PO), Diamond (commissioned
1959), Excellent, Salisbury, Ganges (2nd
DO Keppel Division 1962-63), Cassandra
(Malayan emergency), Fearless, Antrim, 25
JSTU at Woomera, and Penelope. Retired in
1978. Aged 71, June 3.

Henry Pownall. AB. HMS Cheviot, 1945.
July.
Sharon Marshall (neé George). LWRN-

July.
Sharon Marshall (neé George). LWRN-SA. Served at Collingwood and Daedalus 1968-72. Aged 52, June 28.
Lt Ken 'Tosh' Harding. Served 1944-74.
Ships included: Eagle, Ausonia, Londonderry, Palliser, Rhyl, Caledonia. Aged 74, July 25.

74, July 25. John Pickup. Able Seaman. HMS Opportune Association, Russian Convoy Club. 17th Destroyer Flotilla. August 4. Donald 'Brum' Bramma. HMS Unicorn Association, Stoker under training 1947 in ship.

Norman 'Jan' Guest. HMS Unicorn Association, Telegraphist in ship 1943. Aged

, March 28.

Maurice 'Cookie' Cookson. HMS
association, Leading Stoker in ship

Unicorn Association, Leading Stoker in ship 1949-51. June 3.
Victor 'Vic' Partridge. HMS Unicorn Association, Chief Air Artificer (L) in ship 1943-46 and 1950-52. Aged 83, July 22.

Dave Airey. Aircraft Handlers Association, Aircrewmanns Association. Served in branch 1954-77. August 1.

Doug 'Paddy' Macey. CPO Fleet Air Arm. Served 1944-69. HMS Bulwark and Albion Association. Served in Triumph, Albion, NAS Gannet and NAS Condor. Aged 74, July 26.

Russell Seabrook. Algerines ssociation, served in Wave.

David H. Brooke. Algerines Association,

David H. Brooke. Algerines Association, served in Acute.

Ronald Greengrass. Algerines Association, served in Thisbe. April 10.

Richard Theaker. Algerines Association, served in Rowena. May 12.

F.D. Naylor. Algerines Association, served in Bramble. June 27.

George Ritchie. Algerines Association, served in Cheertul. July 2.

F.A. Trew. Algerines Association, served in Melita. June 11.

Robert A. Fowkes. Algerines Association, served in Golden Fleece. July 11.

11.

H.K. 'Monty' Banks. PO. Submariners Association, Taunton branch. Served in submarines 1940-45 in Taku, Osiris and Visigoth. Aged 83.

J. 'Jimmy' Cutter. Leading Stoker. Submariners Association, Sunderland branch. Served in Amphion, Oberon, and Storm. July 4.

A. 'Guy' Falks. Stoker. Submariners

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Yeovilton.

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Association, Bromley branch. Served in L16, L52, L56, Oberon, Severn, H28. Aged 97. H. 'Harry' Hallworth. Leading Stoker. Submariners Association, Dolphin branch. Served in submarines 1935-39 in Odin, Oberon, Oxley, Otway and Trident. Aged 91. W. 'Bill' McGinnes, LEM. Submariners Association, West Riding branch. Served in submarines during WWII including Tribune. Aged 87.

A. 'Josh' Tetley. CPO MA. Submariners Association, Gosport branch. Submarines served in Warspite, Valiant, Splendid,

Resolution, Revenge and Renown. Aged 50. J.G. 'Jack' Walford, CERA. Submariners Association, Portsmouth branch, Served in submarines 1947-72 in Turpin, Springer, Thule, Trenchant, Tactician, Solent, Aeneas, Ambush, Andrew and Token. Aged 84. Jack Hall. Able Seaman Sonar Asdic. Served in Petard and Middleton, and mem-ber of both associations. And 89.

Served in Petard and Middleton, and member of both associations. Aged 80.

Don Gill. HMS Amethyst Association, on board during Yangtze Incident. April in Spain.

Ted 'Colin' Parish. HMS Amethyst Association, on board during Yangtze Incident. May 13.

Bernard Hinchey. HMS Amethyst Association, on board 1943-45. July 28.

C.H. 'Timber' Wood RM. Cpl. Served in Royal Marines 1955-67 in HMS Bulwark, Far East and Middle East. Aged 66.

#### **ASSOCIATION OF RN OFFICERS**

Cdr R.H.C. Bigden. Served Hartland int, Concord, Excellent, Newcastle,

Dillingwood, Ausonia, Albion and Warrior.

Lt Cdr S.F.T. Cooke. Served Vernon,
Dillingwood, Eagle, Drake, Cochrane and

bilingwood, Edgie, State Balagle,
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ollingwood, and Victory.
Lt Cdr L.C. Hunter. Served Bedouin,
udlow, Diadem, Landrail, Unicorn, Tamar,

Albion and Cochrane.

Lt Cdr D.C. Pelly. Served Nith, Devonshire, Mercury, Wakefield and

Lt B.D. Wilkerson, Served Gambia, umberland, Albion, Blackwood, Ausonia, Ark Royal, Caprice, Rapid, Tyne and Defiance.

#### **ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION**

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Frank Fallows. AB LR2. Headquarters. Served in Diadem, Argus. Aged 79, June 30. Harold Wright. Worksop. Volunteered for Special Duties early in WWII, and although officially Royal Artillery he trained with the SBS. Entire wartime service in SBS with Royal Marines. Sent ashore in Oran when RN was bombarding French Fleet – taken prisoner but escaped. Remainder of war in Far East. On leaving service returned to Police Force. Applied to join RNA as an associate, but due to service history branch voted that he should be full member. Aged 81, July 5.

voted that he should be full member. Aged 81, July 5. Arthur Heywood. Whitby, vice chairman. Joined RN as a Boy at Ganges in 1935. Ships include: Ledbury, Fortune, Albacore and Jutland. June 5.

and Jutland. June 5.
Edward 'Teddy' Thomas George.
Penzance. Survivor HMS Penylan, then
served in Genista. Aged 80.
M.F. 'Mick' Cowen. Loughton, founder
member, former secretary and life member.

member, former secretary and life member.
Aged 82, July 9.
Stanley Kay. Cromer. Served 1941-48.
Ships and establishments include Nile,
Arbella, Odyssey, Manxman and Pembroke.
Aged 81, July 17.
Gwendoline Munday. Cromer, associate. Wife of former president Peter who died
January. Aged 80, July 25.
Bob Bates. St Helens, president and
founder member. Certificate of appreciation
for services to ex-Service personnel and
associations. Served as Stoker 1942-46.
July.

July.

Arthur Francis. Nuneaton. Aged 79, July

29. Leo Bradley. PO Signalman. Thurrock. Served 1936-45. Ships included Royal Oak, Rodney. Enterprise, and served in Spanish Civil War and WWII. Aged 84, July 24. R.S. 'Bob' Hamilton. Coder. Hamilton. Camberley. Served in Anson and British Pacific Fleet Admiral's staff in Sydney. Lt Cdr (SCC) and past chairman and president of Camberley Sea Cadet Unit. July 8. Herbert Sydney 'Bert' West. LTO. Kingston upon Thames. Ships include Ganges, Blencathra, Vernon, Plover, Bentinck, LST77, FS Amiens and Arethusa. Aged 85.

Bentinck, LST77, FS Amiens and Arethusa. Aged 85.

Tom Samson. CPO (AFA). Bolton. Served 1939-51. Ships and establishments include Drake, Peregrine, Medina, Daedalus, Vulture, Grebe, Buzzard, Raven, Illustrious, Condor, Waxwing, Blackap, Cormorant, Goldfinch, Gannet, Kestrel, Nuthatch, Formidable, Unicorn, Vetch, Kendrick, USN Cormorant. Aged 85, July 31.

Mick Cowan. AM(O). Laughton. Served 1941-46. Fleet Air Arm Association, Essex branch, July 9.

1941-46. Fleet Air Arm Association, Essex branch, July 9.

May 'Maisie' Sampson. CPO Wren special services. Aldenham, life member. Served 1940-45 at Portsmouth and the Admiralty. Aged 82, July 20.

Robert Bradley. Birkenhead. February. Stanley Birch. Birkenhead, associate. July.

July. John Williams. Birkenhead, associate.

John Williams. Birkennead, associate. July.

Capt Jim W. Rayner RMR. RNA Assistant General Secretary, then General Secretary 1980-96. Served with 41 Independent Commando in Korea, and wounded in action in December 1951.

William 'Bill' Curd. Eastbourne, former chairman and life member. Served 1944-48. Ships include Ramillies, Brisenden and Protector, and served in Normandy landings and Palestine. Aged 76.

#### Swap drafts

**LOM(UW) Tom Jones.** Contact and dart: HMS Iron Duke. Will swap for: any Devonport type 22 or 23, deploying or not. Trained: SSCS, CACS, 2050, 2031 (PSC).

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### **Drug-busting** frigate back home in **Portsmouth**

ROYAL Navy frigate HMS Iron Duke is back home in Portsmouth after a sevenmonth deployment during which she made one of the biggest drugs seizures in Service history.

Iron Duke has been on Atlantic Patrol Tasking (North), a patrol which includes the Caribbean.

And it was there that the ship, under the command of Cdr Phil Warwick, tracked and boarded the 11,500-tonne Panamanian-registered tanker mv Yalta in June, finding 3.3 tonnes of cocaine with an estimated street value of £250 million.

The frigate also detained a number of smaller 'go-fast' boats involved in smuggling drugs, and her Lynx helicopter spotted 288 cannabis plants ashore in the British Virgin islands, enabling the plants to be destroyed by law

enforcement officers.

Iron Duke, which deployed at the end of January, also patrolled off the coast of Sierra Leone in West Africa before returning to the Caribbean.

In total she crossed the Atlantic four times, steaming 40,000 miles, and showed the White Ensign in 19 ports, including Barbados, St Lucia, Jamaica and Antigua.

She also took part in two search and rescue operations.

Cdr Warwick is soon to leave the ship for a new appointment as Fleet Operations Officer at Northwood in Middlesex.

Of his last operational deployment with the frigate, Cdr Warwick said: "The success of the deployment reflects on the professional deployment with the professional deployment reflects on the professional deployment with the profession deployment reflects on the professionalism and dedication of her people. I am very proud of what they have achieved and could not have asked for more.

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# Phase 2 trainees all together at MWS

the latest batch of Phase 2 trainees will arrive at HMS Collingwood to begin their learning careers – but this will be the first time that all those within the maritime warfare branch will be accommodated together.

Up to now students have been split between the two sites, HMS Collingwood and HMS Dryad, both within the umbrella organisation of the Maritime Warfare School, but with the start of the new term the live-in student population for Phase 2 trainees at Collingwood has doubled to around 500.

Lt John Gordon, Phase 2 Communications Training Officer, has been based at Collingwood for the last two years. He said: "We will capture all Phase 2 training in the whole Portsmouth area.

"After a youngster joins the Navy and conducts basic eightweek training at HMS Raleigh, all warfare trainees will come to Collingwood. It's rounded - divers, communicators, warfare, minewarfare will all come to one site.

"They'll live here for between 18 to 24 weeks depending on the course."

Training will continue to be split between the two sites, with the trainees bussed from their home base at Collingwood up to Dryad for the relevant courses.

Up to now Operator Mechanic



(Communications), Probationary Communication Technicians and Phase 2 Pre-Sea Artificer Apprentices had been accommodated at Collingwood, with their Warfare and Mine-warfare compatriots based over Portsdown Hill at

By bringing all the maritime warfare trainees and their support staff together, there will be a com-monality of approach in terms of support and pastoral care available to the young people. Lt Gordon added: "We will develop youngsters as individuals here together.

The move required careful plan-ning with the number one priority ensure that training remain unaffected by the changes.
This project has taken an

approach of individual ownership handing out control of various aspects of the move to the key people who deal directly with the

trainees and know their needs.

WO Ben Ingizsi, Phase 2
Divisional Officer and the Project
Co-ordinator, said: "It's been given
to those at the coalface, the people

doing the jobs at both sites."

The group, mainly Lieutenants and Warrant Officers who manage the training, were overseen by a small team of Lt Cdr Steve Krosnar-Clarke, Project Officer Phase 2, and Sub Lt Ursula Frost,

Project Secretary.

One of the early drivers in the move was the need to identify where to site the new accommodation. It quickly became apparent that Inglefield and Pasco buildings, co-located with the current trainees, were the necessary

WO Ingiszi said: "We needed to be on site with the accommodation and with the youngsters, so that we can keep an eye on them as we do now in Dryad. Keeping divisional care within their house, if you like.

"We're there for them, we can keep an eye on them at the same time, and if we need them we can

go and grab them."

This meant that the existing accommodation blocks had to be re-vamped, with some of the ground floor cabins turned into offices for the divisional officers.

The trainees will be housed in eight-berth units, with two cabins, a kitchen and a bathroom for their

Cdr Peter Lewis, who is responsible for the training of ratings within the Maritime Warfare School, inspected the new accommodation.

He said: "Clearly this project is close to my heart, because what we've got to do is seamlessly move around 250 personnel from one site to another, and for them to get on with their training at the same sure that the support is in place so that they disappear on leave from one establishment and return to another as normal.

"To do that requires attention to detail, so all the managers here and the people who've been driving the pro-ject have always said that their aim is to look after the people and make sure that they don't see any change to their lives - especially not to their detriment.

He added: "The facilities down here are tremendous.

The Maritime Warfare School now runs a 'Sea Sense' pro-gramme, a structured package including lectures about real life inside a warship, ship visits, teambuilding exercises and an overnight in HMS Bristol - all designed to prepare trainees for the reality of life at sea.

The integration of all of the Phase 2 trainees in Collingwood is the first step in a process of major change at the Maritime Warfare

The decommissioning of HMS Dryad is now expected to be achieved some time in 2004, although the enclave with the Operations Room simulators will remain at their Southwick location until either relocated or replaced

some years down the line.

The original closure date for HMS Dryad was 2011, but the site is now on line to be handed over to the MOD's Defence Estates organisation by 2007.

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Hydrographic Office has released the first South African Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) of the important harbour of Durban as part of its Admiralty ENC Service.

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(MCMV) HMS Cattistock has notched up 21 years of service - and many of her 16 commanding officers were there to help her

It was a chance for the ship and her company to take a brief stroll down memory lane, where they recreated an exact mirror-image photograph taken 21 years to the day after the original ship's compa-

ny picture.
One of the former COs still has a strong link with the ship. Cdr Bertie Armstrong, who was her cap-tain from 1986-88, met his son S/Lt David Armstrong, who is conducting Specialist Fleet Time in Cattistock

And David was able to re-introduce his father to Lt



Richard Watson, Cattistock's Gunnery Officer, who was an AB Diver during Cdr Armstrong's tenure in

Her current CO, Lt Cdr David Wilkinson, said:
"In commemorating our 21st year in Service we have also paid tribute to all those who have served in Cattistock, and remembered those from the previous two ships.

"It has also been fantastic to introduce so many of the previous Commanding Officers to the ship's company which serve in her today."

Also there for the big day were the Commodore Portsmouth Flotilla, Cdre Roger Ainsley, and the Commander Fishery Protection Squadron, Cdr

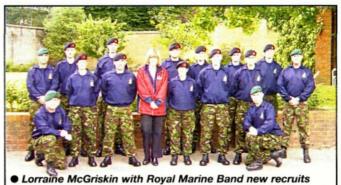
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The idea was to give people an idea of the varied role and responsibilities of those serving with the

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### **Explosion!** nets award from USA

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The award was given to Explosion! as a show of appreciation from the American People-to-People Student Ambassador Program. The scheme was set up in 1956 to improve international understanding and friendship between nations.

Chris Henry, the Curator at the museum said, "We are thrilled to be presented with another award. Our visitors have always been delighted with our unique collection and stories from the people who worked at Priddy's Hard and

supplied the Royal Navy.
"It is wonderful for all the staff and volunteers to have this recog-nised internationally."

### **Autumn concert** announced by **RM Band**

THE BAND of Her Majesty's Royal Marines is holding an Autumn Concert at St Mary's Church. Fratton Road, Portsmouth.

The concert on Thursday September 18 starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £6, £5 for concessions or £3 for children.

For more details contact the RMSM concert secretary on 023 9272 6182.

■ THE ROYAL Naval Philatelic Society have announced that they have a limited edition of five covers comemorating 100 years of Royal Marines music, signed by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

More information is available at www.rnps.org/covers.

### **Leeds Castle** stops off for Sandwich

FALKLAND Islands patrol ship HMS Leeds Castle is the first Navy warship to visit the remote South Sandwich Islands this millennium.

The frozen islands near the Antarctic were one of the many places the ship visited.

Among other experiences the deployment to the South Sandwich Islands gave the ship's company the chance to practice navigating iceberg-strewn seas.

She then went on to South Georgia before returning to the Falkland Islands. On the ship's second visit to South Georgia this year a small team of the ship's company crossed the Barff Peninsula before spending the day on the Heaney glacier and crevasse.

The ship has also visited Montevideo in Uruguay for a spot of recreation.

In the Falkland Islands the ship carries out patrols of the islands, conducts settlement visits and maintains the 1982 war memorials.

While off duty the ship's company are treated to a magnificent array of bird life on the islands.

Leeds Castle also played an integral part within the tri-service forces in the Falklands. In Exercise Purple Strike and Cape Petrel, the ship displayed a wide range of abilities, emphasising the importance of maritime assets.

In August Commanding Officer Lt Cdr Mike Utley left to command HMS Tyne, handing over to Lt Cdr Jonathan Ley



The winning aircrew at Yeovilton with their award

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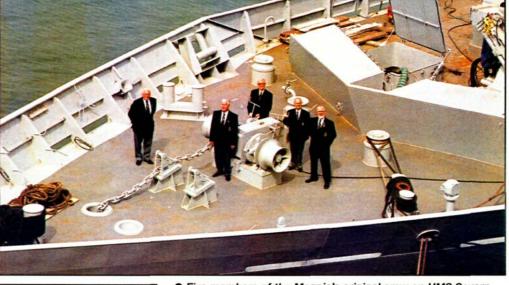
FLYING instructors Lts Mark Scott and Jamie Coulton from RN air station Yeovilton have picked up a prestigious award for their flying display at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire.

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The 'Lynx Pair' are the Royal Navy's only remaining dedicated helicopter display team, consisting of pilots and observers from the Lynx training squadron – 702 Naval Air Squadron.

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In the competition the Pair outperformed teams from Eurofighter and Jaguar to ensure the award went to the Royal Navy for a second year running.



Five members of the Magpie's original crew on HMS Severn

### **Magpie old boys** welcomed by VT

members of HMS Magpie's original crew visited Vosper Thornycroft (VT) for the sixtieth anniversary of the ship's delivery to the Royal

Navy.
VT arranged for the five men, who served on the ship during its first commission, to spend the day with the shipbuilders.

The men were shown around the River-class offshore patrol ves-sel HMS Severn, which was recently handed over to the Royal Nav They also saw her sister ship HMS Mersey which is still under construction.

One of the veterans, Mr B. Haskell-Thomas, said: "We had a Haskell-I homas, said: "We had a thoroughly enjoyable and instruc-tive time at Woolston and were very impressed with the scale and variation in the shipbuilding." HMS Magpie joined Captain Walker's Second Support Group in

detached in 1944 for duties with Operation Neptune and the D Day landings. She was later commanded by the Duke of Edinburgh.

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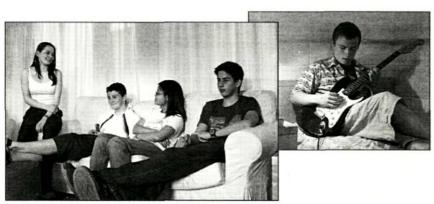
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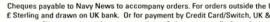


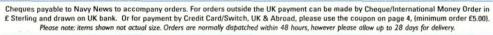


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### St John's College young engineers succeed in contest

A TEAM of students from St John's College in Southsea has claimed a triumphant victory in the prestigious national Young Engineers Competition held in association with HMS Collingwood for the sixth consecutive year.

The 2003 HMS Albion Design and Build Challenge, organised by educational institution Young Engineers and the Royal Navy was open to schools across the region,

challenging the design technology skills of young people of all ages.

A group of Sixth Form students from St John's College entered this year's competition which was to design and build a model electronic amphibious craft that would navigate its way through an obstacle course to reach its objective in one of the Navy's testing tanks.

The national final of the compe-

tition was held on March 14 at the Maritime Warfare School, HMS Collingwood, with 30 young engineers teams participating in the

Students were also asked to give a three-minute presentation to Royal Navy officers outlining the results of their research, describing their work and explaining how they reached their final design for the landing craft. A portfolio of the design work was also required, capturing all research, working drawings and photographs for the

duration of the project.

The team from St John's College achieved the fastest race completion time with their vessel Albion Rover and were rewarded a remarkable 49 out of 50 points for their research portfolio and pre-

sentation. "We are delighted with our sixth consecutive win in this popular competition," says Michael O'Hagan, design technology technician at St John's College.

"Our students put an incredible amount of time and effort into the vessel design and build, grabbing every available moment to work on the project.
"A huge amount of behind-the-

scenes work is required in a model build and the students showed continued determination throughout

the trial and error period."

The winning St John's College team not only won an invitation to spend a day on board HMS Albion, an assault ship recently commissioned for the Royal Navy, but also £500 towards college funds to be spent on software and other educational resources for the

department.
The annual competition attracts schools from as far as the Midlands and Northern Ireland and is both a fun and educational experience for

### Naval links at Christ's Hospital

Christ's Hospital is an 11-18 boarding school near Horsham, West Sussex, which has special places for children of personnel who are serving, or have served, in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines or Royal Navy Reserve.

The School was founded 450 years ago as a charitable foundation and today continues its mission to provide an exceptional educational opportunity to boys and girls from all walks of life.

The majority of the school's 840 places are financially assisted, according to parental income, and

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to support pupils with this difficulty.

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Mayville welcomes prospective parents to visit the school and offers drop-in days, the next being on Thursday, October 2.

than £250 per year per child, which can help parents who are not eligi-

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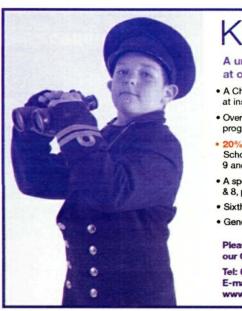
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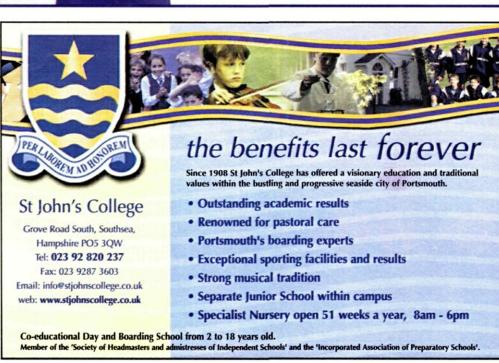
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The school is looking forward to a bright future following investment in a number of new projects.

The new academic year should see the completion of new science facilities and the opening of Adcote Skylarks Nursery for day boys and girls aged between 21/2 and 5 years.

Further developments are in progress to reinforce the already strong Learning Support Department and a new programme for sporting and cultural activities is in place.

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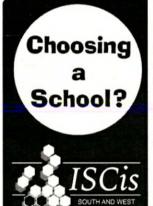
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# Queen's students cheer Saturdays

GEOGRAPHY may be just one subject on the curriculum for pupils but for Service families it is a huge issue.

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The needs of the Service mean that parents are often separated from their children but naturally they still want to see them as much as possible – and not just in the holidays.

The flexibilities of modern

The flexibilities of modern boarding means that at least once or twice in the term many pupils will expect to go home for a weekend with their families.

Queen's College has just become the first independent school in the Taunton area to take the bold decision to end Saturday morning lessons from this September.

"It will mean a greater opportunity for hard-working families who are busy Monday to Friday to spend more quality time together," said headmaster Chris Alcock.

But opportunity is one thing, reality another. Travel practicalities must be taken into account.

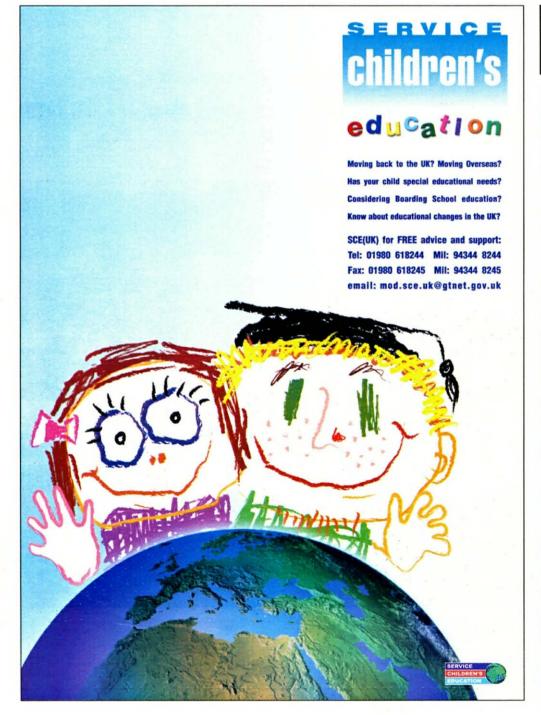
A weekend at home hardly looks so attractive if it means a six-hour round trip for mum or dad to collect their youngsters.

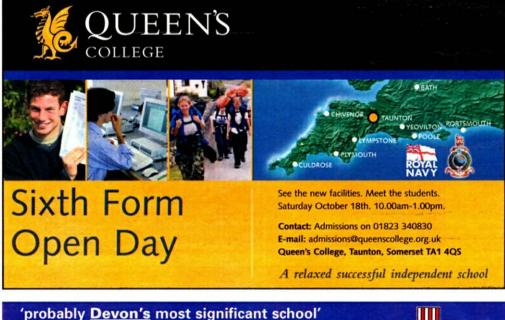
Queen's describes itself at the

heart of Royal Navy and Royal Marines life, placed between the key likely postings of southern England – Plymouth, Portsmouth, Lympstone, Poole and Bath. Taunton lies at the centre,

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The school says: "Wherever your Navy or Marines career takes you, we're never going to be far away. Choose Queen's and see more of your children."







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to mark one hundred years of the CCF at the school.

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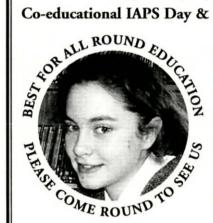
The school asserts: "Lessons are fun, activities are wide-ranging and there is an emphasis on the indi-vidual." A recent ISI Inspection report stated: "Relationships among pupils and between the pupils and their teachers are very

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roundings.

John Crawley has represented England in 37 test matches and is one of only five English cricketers to have scored more than 250 runs

in an innings five times.

West Hill Park consists of a selfcontained Nursery, a Pre-prep and
Prep School that offer children an

It is offering a warm welcome to families to visit during an open morning on September 27, during which time there will be opportunity to visit the two newly-refurbished science laboratories part of bished science laboratories, part of the school's Jubilee investment programme.

In each year group there are two or three classes containing an average of 14 children, allowing parents to rest assured that their child will receive the very best attention in the classroom.

The sports facilities have been enhanced this year with the introduction of a floodlit astroturf and riding arena as well as the com-plete refurbishment of the indoor

### Drama on the up at **Portsmouth** High

DRAMA is going from strength to strength at Portsmouth High School.

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ence for every year group.

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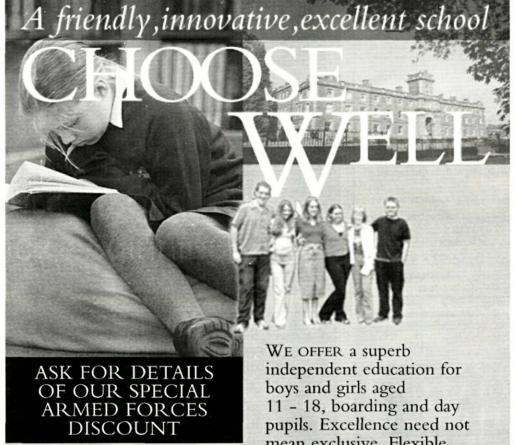
Pupils benefit from a broad academic curriculum, including three separate sciences, four languages, business studies, ICT, CDT and Latin, and an extensive range of activities such as archery, dance, fencing, golf, horse-riding, judo,

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raphy.

The aim of Strathallan School is to provide opportunities for all to excel, giving every pupil the chance to achieve his or her best.

Strathallan pupils not only attain among the best academic standards in the country, they also achieve national success in a wide range of sporting and extra-

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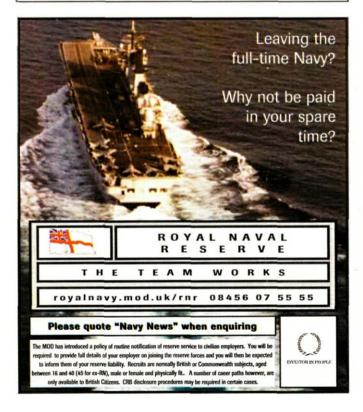
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AT THE end of the first extensive diving season on the wreck site of the Tudor warship Mary Rose, marine archaeologists said they had made a 'significant find'.

They exhibited a 5m length of timber they believe is the front stem of the keel of Henry VIII's flagship, which could be seen to the stem of the keel of the stem of the keel of the stem flagship, which sank before the monarch's eyes in the Solent in

It is supposed to have been attached to the bowcastle of the ship, a fortified section housing archers and cannon. This has yet to be raised, but the recovered timber goes some way to complet-ing the cross section of the ship that has been on display in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard for

the past 20 years.
The month-long diving operations have been made in connec-tion with part of the published consultation programme with Portsmouth Regeneration Project over the proposed dredging of the approaches to Portsmouth Harbour.

This is designed to accommodate the Navy's planned new generation of warships, particularly the future aircraft carrier.

### Norfolk's Lotus bonus

FOR **HMS Norfolk's** long-awaited visit to her namesake county, she had to berth in Ipswich, Suffolk – Norfolk simply doesn't have a port deep enough to take

A unexpected bonus came with a call at the Lotus sports car factory, though, when the company loaned a pair of its Elise models to the ship for the duration of the Type 23 frigate's visit,

her first for two years. BBC Radio Norfolk broadcast Roy Waller's 'Tea for Three' pro-gramme from on board, during which a cheque for £500 was presented to John Paget's Intensive Care Unit. The

ship now has a regular weekly slot.

• BUILT FOR SPEED:Lt Tim Olivey (left) and Lt Jack Gibbs with one of the Lotus Elise sports cars.





LONGBOW, the MOD's 12,000-tonne trials barge, has arrived in Portsmouth for an eight-month overhaul to fit her up for test firings of the new Principal Anti-Air Missile System (PAAMS).

The refit, latest stage in a major contract managed by BMT Marine Procurement Ltd, will see Longbow fitted with a mast similar to that of a Type 45 destroyer to support Samson Radar, missile silo and a firing system.

Longbow has been berthed in Brixham har-

bour for the past 14 years. She is principally a heavy-lift ship but in the 1980s she was used to conduct test firings of vertically launched Seawolf missiles off the Aberporth range in

PAAMS is essentially an air defence weapon designed to protect ships against missile and aircraft attack. As this is a tri-national project, it will be fitted in variants to the new RN Type 45 destroyer and the French/Italian warship design, a remnant of the Horizon CNGF trinational project.

# RN reputation Butlins honours Royal Arthur 'riding high' — C-in-C Fleet

TWELVE months into his post as Commander-in-Chief Fleet Admiral Sir Jonathon Band has looked back on "an extraordinary and taxing year" which left the Royal Navy's reputation "riding high

In a signal to the Fleet he listed continuing operations against international terrorism, support for the people of Afghanistan, counter drugs work in the Caribbean, back-up to the civil power in Northern Ireland and operations in Sierra Leone occupying the Navy in the first few

"The year moved at a relentless pace with the Fleet involved in NATO operations through our contributions to standing naval forces in addition to our standing commitments to the strategic nuclear deterrent, survey, fishery

protection et al.

"Some of those not at sea or on operations were left providing cover during the fire strike under Operation Fresco. Throughout the Fresco period there has been a significant impact on the Fleet pro-gramme and I have always been acutely conscious of both those serving across the country and those left in demeaning watchbills keeping their units in some order or readiness.
"I am well aware that in some

cases we had to call on our people just returned from deployment and in many cases this short notice commitment affected individual leave plans.
"Undoubtedly certain individu-

als were disadvantaged in terms of career training, but be assured that we did work hard to preserve key career courses where possible and the backlog is reducing fast.

"As the year was ending the mood had changed. The situation

in Iraq was preoccupying all our minds, prudent contingency planning was in hand with operations looking more likely as each week passed.

"Be under no illusion – the Royal Navy delivered exactly what was called for in the joint campaign plan, made a vital contribution to the early phase and proved just how effective we are when we

set about our business.

"Life for the Fleet is now returning to the more normal state of continuing with our military tasks, taking seasonal leave, feed-ing units through the training loop and restoring our ability to meet the next challenge of this uncertain world, but all in the context of keeping within our separated

Service targets.
"NATO business is close to the fore as I prepare to undertake a round of NATO briefings in prepa-ration for Exercise Northern Lights, Exercise Allied Action and the introduction of the maritime part of NATO's Readiness Force.

"I have also initiated work investigating how the Fleet might operate in the future, with less emphasis on individual units and more on operating as task groups, starting with collective training and readiness. With our profession al reputation riding high on the national and international scene, I will take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work, effort and profes-

sional prowess.

"We have a Fleet to be proud of
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### Argentinian sail training

THE ARGENTINIAN Navy's sail training ship Libertad was due to arrive in Portsmouth for a five-day visit as Navy News went to press.

The Libertad last visited Britain

ship calls

a year ago when she berthed in London and was last in Portsmouth in 1998 for the International Festival of the Sea.

Built in Buenos Aires and com-missioned in 1963, she has since made 36 voyages, visiting 492 ports in more than 76 countries and sail-ing a total of 760,835 miles.

### Video hold up

Navy News apologises for the late delivery of the Battle of the Atlantic souvenir video. Subscribers should by now have received their copies. If not, please contact us on 023 92 826040

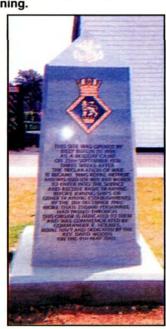
MEMBERS of HMS Royal Arthur Association attended the unveiling of a memorial obelisk at Butlins Skegness holiday camp, handed over to the Royal Navy during World War II for entry and basic training.

The camp was opened by the late Sir Billy Butlin in 1936. Between September 25 1939 and December 31 1946 some 250,000 ratings and members of the WRNS passed through it before drafting to ships or to further training establishments.

An obelisk had also been erected at Butlins Ayr site which had been used for the

same purpose.
Former Radio Electrical Artificer Ron approached Butlins parent board Bourne-Leisure with a design for an obelisk at Skegness, which it duly approved and supported with a substantial financial contribution.

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# MUSIC IN THE AIR



SEA Cadets were on the flight line to give Naval aviation a helping hand at the Royal International Air Tattoo – Britain's

biggest military air show.
First into the cockpit
were the junior commandos of the Marine
Cadets, getting to grips
with the controls of a
Gazelle helicopter just
back from search and
destroy missions in Iraq
(inset left).

Then it was on to the Sea Harrier before taking a break aboard a Chinook troop carrier where FIt Lt 'Jellers' Jardine told the young visitors he felt fully at home with the Navy after two-and-a-half months on board HMS Ark Royal during the Gulf War (inset right).

Cadets from South
West Area units were
making new friends during the three-day air
show at RAF Fairford,
Gloucestershire, adding
youth appeal to the Royal
Navy display.

And Chippenham Unit's band made the musical running (main picture).



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# Mantle mark first 50 years

YEOVIL Unit were joined by cadets from across Somerset and Dorset to celebrate the 50th anniversary of TS Mantle.

The Unit is named after LS Jack Mantle VC, who was killed while defending the armed merchant cruiser HMS Foylebank against a force of Stuka divebombers.

Though wounded many times, Mantle stuck to his 20mm pompom until the end of the attack on Portland Harbour when, as his VC citation recorded, "he fell by the gun he had so valiantly served."

Of all the VCs won by the Navy, Mantle's was the only one awarded for an act of gallantry in the UK itself.

The cadets marched through Yeovil High Street where the salute was taken by Vice Admiral Sir Jonathon Tod.

Other guests included the commanding officer of

RN Air Station Yeovilton, Cdre Bill Covington, Mayor of Yeovil Cllr Julian Freke and Yeovil MP David Laws.

Cllr Freke presented the unit with a certificate acknowledging 50 years of service to the community.

The cadets were also presented with a cheque for

The cadets were also presented with a cheque for £1,050 by the former president of Yeovil branch of Soroptomist International, Gill Wiseman, who had picked the cadets as one of her chosen charities.

TS Mantle had its first HQ in Central Road and later moved to Eastland Rd and Chelston Ave before being invited to set up base at RNAS Yeovilton, where it is now a fully integrated part of the station

 CASH BOOST: Gill Wiseman hands over a big cheque to TS Mantle Chairman lan Martin as CO S/Lt Simon Vokes, Admiral Tod and Cllr Freke look on



### <u>Sea Cadets</u>



### **Former** Chairman helped 38 survive 23 days adrift



■ IN COMMAND: McIntosh as CO of the carrier HMS Victorious in 1968

Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, KBE, CB, DSO, DSC, a distinguished wartime submariner who for ten years was Chairman of the Sea Cadet Association, has died at 83.

McIntosh commanded the submarine HMS Sceptre in World War II and was awarded a Mention in Disptaches for his part in Operation Source, the midget submarine attack on the German battleship Tirpitz in Altenfjord, Norway (his was one of the towing submarines).

Later he was awarded the DSO for a a series of patrols off Norway and Spain and two more X-craft operations against a large floating dock at Bergen, in which he sank a total of eight merchant chiles. total of six merchant ships.

Later, two separate attacks on heavily escorted coastal convoys (two merchant ships and two warships sunk) brought him another MiD.

But perhaps his finest hour came much earlier, when as a 21-year-old sub lieutenant his career, as his obituary in *The Times* recorded, "nearly came to an early and nightmarish

He was taking passage to the eastern Mediterranean via the Cape in the Anchor Line steamship Britannia when she was attacked and sunk by the small German commerce raider Thor. McIntosh found himself in

lifeboat No 7 which was in dan-ger of being caught under the sinking ship's counter.

The merchant navy officer in charge, Third Officer William MacVicar, recorded that it was entirely due to McIntosh's skil-ful handling that the boat was kept afloat and survivors embarked.

Some 82 men were crammed into a lifeboat designed to take

For the next 23 days the boat drifted 1,300 miles across the South Atlantic. On the fourth day several of the men fainted, the crew became quarrelsome and the chief cook, who had drunk seawater, threw himself

On the 16th day a violent storm and heavy rain eased the water rationing somewhat (more deaths had anyway reduced the number needing it) but also necessitated frantic baling from the leaking boat.

By the time they made landfall on the island of Curupu in northern Brazil 44 had died. Both McIntosh and MacVicar were appointed MBE for their

conduct. McIntosh's final RN appointment was as Deputy Chief of Defence Staff. He retired in 1973 and was Chairman of the SCA for the next ten years.

### HARBOUR TRAINING SHIP NOW A THIRTY-SOMETHING

# Happy birthday, **Bristol!**

SEA Cadets on an international summer camp in Portsmouth were able to show off their skills to the Duke of York - the Admiral of the Sea Cadet

The Duke met up with the youngsters in the training ship HMS Bristol at Whale Island. His visit also marked the destroyer's 30th birthday and he was invited to cut a specially baked cake (see below).

On board the ship, which took on a youth training

role ten years ago, were 250 cadets from South Korea, Hong Kong, Sweden, Canada and the United States.

On arrival the Duke was

treated to a display of boating activities before being introduced to the cadets and their leaders.

He presented a Military Service Medal to WO John Giles and ship's plaques to the cadet leaders from overseas - including Emelie Linnea Kinbom from Sweden's Stockholm unit (inset below left).

The royal visitor had also called at the SCC's London Headquarters for a briefing on current activities. He told Commodore of the Corps Cdre Roger Parker: "Your unstinting efforts may not be widely known beyond Lambeth Road, but they are to be

highly praised

nonetheless."

☐ The first and only Type 82 destroyer, HMS Bristol (seen below in 1987) was first conceived to provide escort cover for the new 53,000-tonne carriers proposed in the 1960s.

When these carriers were cancelled in 1969, the escort destroyer gramme followed.

But the first of class was well advanced by then and so approval was given to complete this one ship.

HMS Bristol took over as Task Group flagship from HMS Hermes in the later stages of the Falklands



### Common bond

**BETWEEN** them brothers John (left) and Ted Mason have given 83 years to the Sea Cadets – both are ex-COs of Wallasey Unit and holders of the MBE and Cadet Services Medals.



### Star spotted on a plane

WHEN Ardrossan unit TS Gannet were on their way to a week of training at HMS Raleigh they shared a plane with film actor Robert Carlyle and his family.

The star of Trainspotting and The Full Monty chatted amiably with the group and posed for individual photographs – including this one with Chalaina Marshall.





# YOUNG READERS CLUB

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Since the Navy began in the ninth century under King Alfred, it has always had genuine royal connections.

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In the YRC this month, we take a quick flick through the last few decades to tell you about the truly royal Royal Navy.

### **Guess who?**

Take a look at this bearded fellow. Do you recognise him?



Believe it or not, this is the Duke of Edinburgh in his younger days in the Royal Navy.

This photo was taken while he was serving in HMS Magpie, a frigate which he was in command of from 1950 to 1951



September 1971. His first ship was the guided-missile destroyer HMS Norfolk, then he served in two frigates, HMS Minerva and Jupiter. He qualified as a helicopter pilot in

1974 at RNAS Yeovilton, and served in 845 Naval Air Squadron on board HMS Hermes.

In January 1976 the Prince took his first command – he was the commanding officer of minehunter HMS Bronington.

He left the Navy in December 1976. But he still holds Naval rank and is now a Vice-Admiral.

His brother Prince Andrew joined the Navy in 1979 and specialised as a pilot. He trained at RNAS Culdrose to fly helicopters. and saw active service during the Falklands Conflict flying Sea Kings from HMS Invincible. His experience included flying Gazelle, Sea King

and Lynx

helicopters, and his ships included HMS Brazen, Edinburgh and Campbeltown.

of minehunter **HMS** Cottesmore from 1993-94, and by the time he left the Navy in July 2001 he had earnt the rank of Commander.

Prince Edward joined the Royal Marines in 1983, but his interest in TV and theatre led him to resign in

He had command

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### birthdays

Happy Birthday to: James Abbott Aaron Ashworth Christopher Aydon George Barnard Robert Bateman Mark Bean Luke Blampied Rachel Broome Simon Buckingham Harriet Campbell Ryan Daffin Christine Edwards Elliot Evans George Flay Georgina Forster Danielle Gatenby Cameron Geddes Liam Gumery Daniel Harding David Harding Thomas Hawkes Simon Hewitt Alexander Johnstone Robert Jopsow Karyn MacKenzie Gavin MacKenzie Jordan McCusky Amy Morgan Charlie Noyce Christopher Paddison Alice Pardoe Thomas Patten Kerenza Pegg Andrew Perry Mark Reeve Ethan Robinson Sam Rowland Jennifer Ryan-Fecitt Christopher Short Charlotte Spark Autumn Spayne Elizabeth Stobart Nicole Thackray James Thompson Benjamin Trevett Dominic Tucker Lauren Twist Jack Tyler Amba Vinton Alastair Warner **Edward Warren** Katy Westmore Owen Williams

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(Right) Prince Charles takes

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### Where in the world...? Ships from the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary, and aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm, have been travelling all around the world for the past few months. Here are a few of the places they have visited

the past few months. Here are a few of the places they have visited...

801 Naval Air Squadron Place: Pirkkala Country: Finland What's it like: Most of the country is forest, and one-third lies within Capital: Helsinki

HMS Northumberland Place: Split Country: Croatia What's it like: A long coastline on the Adriatic Sea with a number of islands Capital: Zagreb



HMS Sutherland Place: Port Said Country: Egypt
What's it like: Mostly desert, and
home to the Pyramids and the Sphinx

Regal Naval fan



Of course the present Royal Family aren't the first British Royals to have an interest in the Royal Navy.

One king who particularly liked the Royal Navy was the much-married King Henry VIII.

One of his favourite ships was the Mary Rose, named after his sister and the Tudor rose

Henry stood on Southsea Castle and watched the Mary Rose sink off the Portsmouth Coast in 1545.

You can still see the Mary Rose however. It was rescued from the sea bed and is now on display at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

To find out how to see the Mary Rose telephone 023 9286 1512 or visit www. historicdockyard.co.uk.



A young Queen Elizabeth at Britannia Naval College



 Queen Elizabeth shares a joke with her Naval son and husband



is the patron saint of seafarers? St Francis of Paola lived from

he was declared 'Patron of Italian seafarers'.

1416 to 1507, and was made a saint in 1519. It was not until 1943

### Prince Philip remains involved with the Royal Navy Sons follow in father's footsteps

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, had a long career in the Royal Navy. He joined the service after school in 1939 and went to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth - there he won the King's Dirk as best cadet.

He served through World War II, and was mentioned in despatches for his service in HMS Valiant during the Battle of Matapan in March 1941. His other ships included HMS Ramillies, and in HMS Wallace, Whelp and Chequers he was the First Lieutenant. He became the Commanding Officer of frigate HMS Magpie in 1950.

The death of the Queen's father, King George VI, brought to an end Prince Philip's serving Naval career in 1952. But he is still Admiral of the Fleet and Captain General of the Royal Marines, and holds a number of other very senior military titles.

The Queen herself has a Naval title - she is Lord High Admiral of

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### this month

1 September 1867: The launch of the first Navy ship not to use sails and to have guns fore and aft (at the front and back) - HMS Cerberus

2 September 1985: An American and French team discover the wreck of the Titanic, that sank off Canada in 1912

3 September 1939: Britain declares war on Germany - World War II

5 September 1831: Charles Darwin meets Capt Robert Fitzroy of HMS Beagle - the first steps in the eventual theory of evolution

6 September 1776: The first American submarine, Turtle, carried out (probably) the first submarine attack against warship Eagle

7 September 1971: HMS Swiftsure, the first of the current class of Swiftsure submarines, launched - now out of

9 September 1943: The Salerno landings on Sicily during World War II take place

11 September 1793: Horatio Nelson first met Lady Emma Hamilton

15 September 1744: The Navy Board decided that the Navy needed its own hospitals in Portsmouth, Chatham and Plymouth

22 September 1989: A terrorist bomb at the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal kills ten RMs and one civilian

26 September 1580: Francis Drake returns from his voyage around the world

26 September 1939: A Fleet Air Arm aircraft shoots down the first German aircraft to be destroyed in World War

28 September 1969: The first Royal Marines were deployed to Northern Ireland

29 September 1758: Horatio Nelson born in

#### NEXT MONTH

For our October issue we will be looking at the life and career of Horatio Nelson.

The Royal Navy still celebrate Trafalgar Night on October 21 in honour of Nelson's great maritime VICTORY.

#### **Competition rules:**

All Young Readers Club competitions are open to readers aged 16 or under, except employees of Navy News and their families or any company associated with the competition.

One entry per person. The decision of the judge is final. Full competition rules are available by contacting us at the usual address.

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### **Atlantic** crossing is record breaker

A ROYAL Navy officer was part of a five-man team which made history by becoming the first men to cross the North Atlantic in an

open inflatable boat.

The Arnold & Son TransAtlantic Arctic Expedition had been set up by explorer Bear Grylls, and Lt Andy Leivers jumped at the opportunity to take a berth as the venture's mechanic. The team left Halifax, Nova

Scotia in an 11-metre aluminiumhulled rigid inflatable boat and spent the next 16 days contending with sub-zero temperatures, heavy seas and huge ice floes as they made their way across the north-ern fringe of the Atlantic, calling in at Greenland and Iceland before making landfall west of John o'Groats.

Fellow adventurer Charlie Laing described the trip thus:
"Imagine parking a convertible
people carrier in a car wash and
living in it with five men in Mr
Blobby outfits during an earthquake."

Lt Leivers now returns to the luxury of his berth in Type 42 destroyer HMS Newcastle, which is preparing for her next opera-tional deployment.

### Corps win in judo showdown

OPERATIONAL commitments and the need for a break after con-flict in the Gulf again played havoc with the Royal Navy judo champi-

onships.

Numbers were modest, and although the Royal Marines hoped to field 15 players, just three managed to make the event.

The players – Mne Ian Wishart (40 Cdo), Mne Justin Gay (CHF) and C/Sgt Chris Waite, who led the contingent - entered all possible

Chris Waite led the way with an impressive set of fights, most of which lasted the full six minutes, which saw him take silver in his

weight category.
Novice Ian Wishart showed that brute force can sometimes destroy even the best players, whereas Jas Gay, having driven straight from exercise on Dartmoor, had a hard-

As there were not enough play-ers to make full command teams in the premier event, it was decided to hold a RNJA v RMJA con-

Selection for the Corps team was not exactly taxing - three players and three places.

Ian finished off his opponent with a great throw for Ippon, and when Chris lost on points it was down to Jas – who took three minutes to dispose of his man with Ippon to take the contest.

On the whole, and with the few players available, Corps judo took three golds and a silver.

up in judo, or trying again after a few years off, then get in touch with the following: Lt S. with the following: Lt S. Melbourne RM, 0207 237 4331 weibourne RM, 0207 237 4331 ext 229 – all enquires; C/Sgt C Waite, 40 Cdo RM, (Sub Accountant) 93780 ext 4303; Cpl N. Costiff, RM Poole, (Unit RI)

#### Fitness boost

FITNESS equipment supplier PowerSport International Ltd has equipped the primary care unit at RN air station Culdrose.

The equipment from the firm's G3 and Evolution ranges will help rehabilitate injured Service personnel on the site, one of the largest military helicopter bases in



● The Royal Navy's cricketers lost to the star-studded Lashings team – but played a full part in an enthralling match at Burnaby Road. Lashings batted first, scoring 249 for 8 in their 40 overs. And although the hosts never really got to grips with the required run rate, they still posted 194 for the loss of five wickets in their 40 overs, losing by 55 runs.

Picture: LA(PHOT) Sean Clee Picture: LA(PHOT) Sean Clee

# Watson powers to track glory

ROYAL Navy athletes performed with great credit in the 2003 Inter-Services track and field championships, hosted by the Army at Tidworth, wrote Team Manager WOMEA Paul

Confronted by the other two Services fielding high standard competitors, the Royal Navy set about their task to the best of their ability, with many producing per-sonal and season's best performances. Team managers could not expect more.

Despite finishing a strong third in both competitions, the men's team continued to hold the bal-

ance of power, which eventually tipped in favour of the Army.

Cpl Tim Watson (RM Band Portsmouth) was the individual star of the Navy team as he cruised to an easy win arguably as the to an easy win, arguably as the day's hottest favourite, in the men's 3000m steeplechase.

This was the third time that Tim had won gold; he then went on to finish sixth in the AAA Championships as he sought further representative recognition, just failing in his bid to run under nine minutes, which would nine minutes, which would have relieved Lt Graeme Riley of his long standing RN record time.

POPT Neal Edwards followed up his previous year's win in the 400m hurdles by taking bronze over the same distance but without the obstacles. He is capable of winning a medal next year in either

Although deprived of potential multi-medallist Lt Carolyn Lucocq by a late non-sporting injury, the women's team pressed the RAF hard all the way for second place, and finished closer to both other teams than for many years.

Lt Linda Lawrence was reward-

ed for her dedicated training regime by earning a bronze in the 800m; her speed in the home straight has always been a strength.

POWTR Vicky Norton added to her collection of medals with a bronze in the 5000m. POWEA Nikki Stopforth (NBC SFM Portsmouth) and LPT Kate Hayden (Nelson) repeated previous medal successes with third places in the 200m and triple jump respectively.

The 12 athletes who finished in fourth place illustrated the overall improvement in performance.

improvement in performance.

The men who narrowly missed out included POAEM Dave Mitchell (702 Sqn) in the javelin, pole vaulter Mne Glyn Fuller (40 Cdo RM) and St Vincent-born sprint duo WTR Teeroy Spencer (HMS Drake) and SA Cornelius Delpesche (HMS Raleigh) in the 100m and 200m respectively.

The women who came close

The women who came close included Lt Laurie Evans (750 Sqn), with fourth in both 100m and 400m hurdle races. S/Lt Sarah Davies (BRNC) took fourth in both the 100m and 200m, whilst OC Nicky Hopkins (BRNC) belied her inexperience with a brave fourth place in the 1500m.

The grittiest performance was by LOM Michelle Bowen (HMS Collingwood), who gave her all as she narrowly missed a 400m medal.

All relays saw finishes closely contested by all three Service teams – another measure of the way in which the Royal Navy's level of performance has improved.

Even though the Royal Navy did not win the men's 4x400m relay, there was much pleasure to be had from the track commentator's agog utterings as LPT Gary Ibbotson (HMS Campbeltown), proving the training value of OST, handed over the baton a clear leader in mid-

If there were medals for team spirit (and T-shirts) the Royal Navy would be to the fore ...

■ Cpl Simon Wilson (1 ASLTGP RM) has won the Royal Navy 2003 decathlon Championship at the annual Inter Services and Single Service event at Tidworth.

His battle with Mne Glyn Fuller (40 Cdo RM) never happened as the latter was unavailable, but there was plenty of competition from the other Services.
Simon outscored all the RAF

competitors as he finished fifth overall, close behind four evenlymatched Army men. His performance takes him into

the top 20 national rankings.
Cpl Richie Hayden (40 Cdo RM), the 1999 champion, was runwith WOMEA Paul

Winton (MCTA Portsmouth) third

In the women's heptathlon, POWEA Nikki Stopforth (SFM Portsmouth) retained her title, finishing sixth overall.

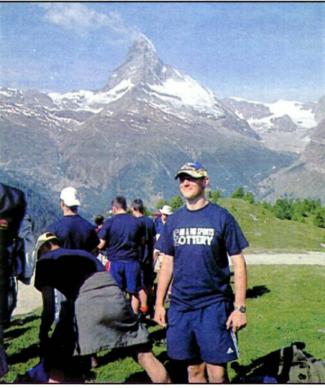
### join Royals

Bath squad

ZURICH Premiership rugby union team Bath attended a preseason training camp with the Royal Marines at the Commando Training Centre RM (CTCRM). The players spent three days at Lympstone being put through their paces by PTIs in a bid to improve their ability to cope as a unit under pressure.

unit under pressure.

Bath Head Coach John
Connolly said: "The training camp with the Commandos at Lympstone provides us with the perfect opportunity for some team-building events that will test both the physical and mental strength of the players."



 OM Richard Fletcher takes a breather during a hike, with the Matterhorn looming large behind him

### Matterhorn trek

GROUP of 19 personnel from HMS Collingwood and HMS Dryad have returned to the UK after undertaking the classic eightday trek around the Matterhorn in Switzerland as part of an adventurous training programme.

More than half were Phase II trainees, with one newly-qualified LPT and seven senior rates and officers making up the balance, and all found the experience chal-

lenging but rewarding.

The trek was designed to bring

out the qualities required in modern sailors - trust, team spirit and personal courage, testing them physically and mentally.

A small number of trekkers suffered minor injuries requiring rest days, but most managed to complete the full trek and basic moun-

taineering.
Accommodation was in mountain huts - but after the gruelling climbs up steep ground, the basic but clean cabins were welcome sights at the end of each day.

### Sara has a hand in historic victory

A ROYAL Navy officer has helped her Australian compatriots beat the Australian Army women for the first time in the history of the Australian Defence Force inter-service rugby festival. Lt Sara Collen is in Australia on

Exercise Long Look, an annual arrangement in which personnel from the British, Australian and New Zealand armed forces swap jobs in order to promote under-standing between the organisations,

and as a keen rugby player she was co-opted into the Navy squad.

And the team, which featured five RAAF personnel as well as Lt Collen, of Clyde Naval Base, took the trophy 14-7.

The first and only British repre-The first and only British representative in the event, Lt Collen joined the Sydney University team on arrival in Australia and was subsequently selected as hooker for the Navy team.

Following the match Lt Collen was selected for the Combined Australian Services rugby union team at a national tournament.

team at a national tournament.

Lt Collen plays for the highlysuccessful Edinburgh Royal High School women's rugby team.
Lt Collen said it was "an honour

and a pleasure to represent the Royal Navy overseas and to assist the Australian Navy in their first ever win over the Australian Army

### Dryad take League cup

TWO teams with something to prove met in the final of the United Services Cricket League competition at the US Ground, Burnaby Road in Portsmouth.

The two top league teams were going flat out for victory – HMS Dryad to avenge defeat in the league itself and the Navy Cup semi-final, and HMS Sultan to bounce back from a Navy Cup final defeats a week before to the control of the defeats of the semi-final defeats a week before to the control of the defeats of the semi-final defeats a week before to the control of the defeats of the control of the defeats of the semi-final defeats of the control of th

bounce back from a Navy Cup final defeat a week before.
Sultan were put in to bat, and lost wickets at a steady rate. After 16 overs, with both Dave Rouse and Simon Cannell having bowled their overs, Sultan were 45 for 6 with Rouse having taken 3 for 17.
Sultan failed to raise their game, and with Ian Weller taking 3 for 8 to mop up the tail, the Gosport team were dismissed for 63.

team were dismissed for 63.

Any slim chance Sultan had of pulling off victory had rested with front-line bowlers Mike Surtees and Speedy Charles, but with the latter injured Dryad's opening partnership of Lee Johnson and Dave Rouse quickly took control, putting on 45 runs in seven overs.

The game was won inside ten overs with Dryad losing just two wickets on their way to retaining the league trophy.

### Courses for rugby referees

THE Combined Services Rugby Referees courses planned for the 2003-04 season are as follows:

■ National Foundation Courses:

(1), Sept 15-17 at Portsmouth (sponsored by RN); (2), 12-14 Jan 04, Portsmouth (RN); 23-26 Sept, Germany (Army); Jan 04 (tbc), Aldershot (Army); Oct 03 (tbc), Northern Ireland (Army); 10-12

Sept 03, RAF Halton (RAF).

B & C Grade Courses: B&C,
Oct 20-22 03, Portsmouth (RN); Oct 20-22 03, Fortsmouth (RN); B&C, Sept 25 03, Germany (Army); B Grade, Dec 10-12 03, RAF Halton (RAF); C Grade, Sept 25-26 03, RAF Halton

Advisor Course: Level 1 Advisor, Nov 21-23 03, RAF Halton (RAF). For further details contact John

Voss on 028 9039 4754 (military 9491 43754), or email: johnvoss1@hotmail.com or roger.baileff@ntlworld.com



### **Fastnet** turns into Slownet as winds drop

THE CALL of the office was too strong for Service sailors becalmed in the classic Fastnet yacht race.

A team of 14, drawn from the Royal Navy, Army and uni-versity cadets, entered the 2003 Rolex-sponsored race on board the Joint Services Adventurous Sail Training Centre yacht Challenger.

The 605-mile course, from Cowes on the Isle of Wight to the Fastnet rock off southwest Ireland and back to Plymouth, should take three to four days.

But the fleet was bedevilled by light winds, and having covered just half of the course by the fourth day, the team had no alternative but to retire from the 'Slownet' as they had work commitments which could not be avoided.

Crew member Maj Will Mackinlay said Challenger was built for the heavy weather of ocean crossings, and the light conditions made it more difficult for her to compete.

Indeed, many entrants had barely left the Solent before they had to anchor as the tides worked against them, waiting for stronger winds.

Despite the disappointment of being forced to retire, Maj **Mackinlay said Exercise** Fastnet Dragon had been worthwhile as they had got some good sailing in - mostly overnight - and gained plenty of experience in the subtleties of gentle wind sailing.

WARM summer sunshine and

fectly-groomed pistes made for the best Royal Navy/Royal Marines

Championship to date.
Sub-zero temperatures inside

the Milton Keynes Snozone attracted the regulars and a sur-prising number of new faces, mak-

First up was the ski special slalom, and as in all the races the

fast surface and relatively gentle

slope made for competitive racing.
The more experienced racers

were able to develop some speed out of every gate, while the less dynamic still managed to negotiate

the course at speed and in a generally stylish manner.

After two runs the course was

quickly reset and the snowboarders demonstrated the progression of their discipline within the RN,

with Maj Jon Dowd posting an exceptional 13.14s to take victory.

With the plan to achieve five

races during the day the dual

slalom was set with stubbies for both skiers and boarders, and the

s from each

The skiing event finally came down to Lt Jamie Mitchell, one of

the Navy team's premier racers, against a new face in Capt John McCulkin RM.

Although neither was prepared to give an inch, it was McCulkin, with experience gained from rac-

ing in his native America, who

Callum Doherty went head-to-

head against CPO Mick Arrowsmith, but despite all his

race experience Arrowsmith could

not find an answer to the speed of

In the snowboard final Mne

showing their form.

came through to win.

ing it the best-attended so far.

Snowboard and Ski

# Hectic schedule for RN hosts Special rugby league squad

PORTSMOUTH becomes the focus of Services Rugby League this month as the NAAFI-sponsored Inter Services competition gets under way at Burnaby Road. The RNRL second State of

Origin match begins the sequence of fixtures as the Eastern Commands fight to hold on to the trophy they won in last year's thriller against the Western Commands. The match kicks off at 1800 on Wednesday September 3.

All spectators are welcome to see the Navy's top stars battle for the Origin Trophy, as well as a place in the RN squad.

Two days later, on September 5, Burnaby Road welcomes the Army and RAF squads as they play the first leg of the Inter Services.

An Academy development begins proceedings at 1630 with the main match kicking off at 1900. The following Wednesday, The following Wednesday, September 10, the Navy take on the Army at Burnaby Road with the Academy sides kicking off at

1630 and the main match at 1900. To round off the series the Navy side travels to RAF Uxbridge on

Wednesday September 17. It is hoped to stage an IS women's match starting at 1500 with Academy match at 1700 and the final Inter Services match at 1900.

HMS Dryad hosted the Inter

Commands Championships for the third and final time, and as in pre-

the youthful Marine, and it was

Doherty who crossed the line first.

The last competition of the day brought together boarders and skiers in a combined discipline event which saw ten teams of four enter into a sudden-death relay.

With entrants growing in confi-

Hot competition

at the Snozone

conduct of all involved was of the

highest standard.

The RM were out to complete a hat-trick of victories, with the other four teams equally determined to stop them.

The competition was fiercely contested, ending in a tie between the RM and the Fleet team.

Organiser LPT Jay Murphy had to calculate the points difference before he could announce the wingiving them the trophy they won in the inaugural competition in 2000.

The player of the tournament

trophy was awarded to OM Dane Smallbone, currently at MWS. Preparations for the Inter Services suffered a set-back with a

GB Police at Dewsbury.

The match seemed to be going the way of the RN side following some excellent attacking plays, but handling errors at crucial moments gave the initiative back to the Police, who held on to win 18-16.

All involved with both RNRL and the RM Corps side would like to thank me Jordan James, who recently left the Service, for all his efforts at all levels of the sport.

Hopefully Jordan will go on to greater things after signing for RL National League 2 leaders

Sheffield Eagles.

Head Coach Mark Aston gave him his first-team debut three weeks after joining in their 98-4 victory over the London Skolars.



Mne Jordan James

# **Olympics**

THE Royal Navy hosted the Special Olympics GB national athletics championships, staged at the Victory Stadium in Burnaby Road, Portsmouth.

Jointly organised by the Navy, Portsmouth City Council and Special Olympics South East Hampshire, the three-day event attracted some 400 athletes from across the country, as well as parents, carers and coaches.

The championships take place every four years, and cover a wide range of events, from 50m to 5,000m on the track, and traditional field events.

Vice Admiral Mark Stanhope Deputy Commander-in-Chief Fleet, said: "This has been a major achievement, and I am proud the Royal Navy had the opportunity to

be part of it."
The Special Olympics movement provides competitive sport opportunities for people with a learning disability.



One of the Royal Navy-supported de Walt-engineered TVRs races through the night at Le Mans

### Cyclists support Navy at Le Mans

MOTOR sport enthusiasts put a lot of effort into watching races – one group with a Royal Navy element cycled hundreds of miles to see a RN race team in action.

Amongst the thousands of TVR fans watching the Royal Navy-supported TVR T440Rs at Le Mans were 20 members of the TVR Car Club who cycled the 250 miles from Dorset to the French racing circuit, raising money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf

Leading the support team was Lt Cdr

and Advanced Warfare Training Unit at the Maritime Warfare Centre, HMS Dryad.

It is the third year Lt Cdr Dodds has acted as support team leader, and the team hope to raise some £3,000.

In keeping with the jointery of the Services, the cycle trip was a true tri-Service venture, with Nimrod pilot Fit Lt Darryl Laws acting as deputy support team leader, whilst among the cyclists were ex-Royal Marine David Wynn and a former

member of the Royal Corps of Transport, Clive Buxton.

As it happened, the Royal Navy-support-ed TVR team did not reach the end of the gruelling 24-hour race, but there is always

Anyone interested in taking part in Royal Navy motor sport on either two wheels or four should contact the RNMSA secretary Cdr Tom Quaye at Northwood on 9360 46177 or visit the RNAC website at www.royalnavyautomobileclub.com

#### dence, the pace was frantic as each competitor launched out of the starting gate the moment his teammate crossed the finish line. James and Jason from sponsors Skiworld provided impartial judgements at the finish line, and 1 Assault Group beat rivals HMS Neptune to the honours.

Thanks to the generous finan-cial backing of Skiworld and an unprecedented number of prizes supplied by Steve Davies from Bucks Boarding Company, a large array of medals and prizes were handed out by the president of the RNRMWSA, Rear Admiral Kerr. ■ The popularity of the Royal Navy's Ski and Snowboarding Championship event – particularly the 'Learn to Ski' element – means

entered into a sudden-death knockout competition. instructors for the 2004 event. Initially two male and two The dual races provided excel-lent shoulder-to-shoulder racing, with the more experienced racers female instructors are required, and ideally they should be able to attend both weeks at Les Menuires from January 10 to 24.

Volunteers should be JSASI qualified and be willing to instruct at beginner/novice level. They would work under the supervision of the Chief Trainer, and opportunities will be available to undertake instructor training sessions under a BASI trainer. Ski-lift passes and uniform will be provided.

Routines are flexible, and enquiries should be made to the Chief Trainer, WO(SCC) T. Wallace, NA SCC HQ, HMS Caledonia, Rosyth, Fife KY11 2XH, tel 01383 416300, mil 9335 56931, mobile 07785 502242.



Hunters (white shirt) and Slough

### Andy is club's VIP guest

A NAVAL officer's appearance as VIP guest for a junior ice hockey side had special significance for one member of the team.

Cdr Andy Phenna helped the Under-14s side the Solent Hunters, part of the Solent and Gosport club, start their season.

And the Naval presence helped ease the disappointment for the

only girl on the team, Jordan Wilshire, whose father is on board HMS Anglesey, and was on deploy-

ment when the game was played.

Andy was happy to help raise the profile of the club, but will have to take note of results from afar in future as he will be leaving HMS Collingwood in Fareham for a foreign draft in the near future.



### **Colourful tribute to** Korea veterans

ONE OF the highlight – and certainly the most colourful – acts of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo was The Traditional Band of the Army of the Republic of Korea.

The Band dedicated its performance to the memory of all the UK's armed forces who fought and gave their lives for the country's freedom in the war that ended with the Armistice 50 years

Picture: LA(PHOT) Merrill

### **LAST BACK** FROM IRAQ

#### From page one

Marlborough, meanwhile, was required to go close inshore in the Northern Arabian Gulf, using her 4.5in gun to bombard Iraqi defensive strongholds and to prevent small craft slipping out of the coastal waterways on potential suicide missions.

But while many of the other ships involved in the conflict made their way directly back to the UK from the Middle East, Liverpool and Marlborough were tasked to pick up the Naval Task Group 2003 programme which had been disrupted by the build up to the conflict.

Liverpool, in company with RFA tanker Grey Rover, under-took the Asian leg of the deploy-ment, calling in at Malaysia, China and Japan, while Marlborough headed for Australia and New Zealand.

The three ships met up again in Singapore for Exercise Flying Fish, a regular air defence exercise between the nations of the Five

Powers Defence Arrangement –
the UK, Australia, New Zealand,
Singapore and Malaysia.
Liverpool and Marlborough left
their home port of Portsmouth in
January, and were welcomed back in the fierce heat of the recent heatwave by hundreds of family and friends who gathered in the Naval Base.

Devonport-based Type 22 frigate HMS Chatham was on the Iraqi gunline alongside HMS Marlborough at the end of March, firng at shore-based targets. Chatham left the UK in mid-lanuary with the ich of relieving January, with the job of relieving sister ship HMS Cumberland on Operation Oracle, the international campaign against terrorism.

She began by taking part in live firing exercises off the British coast before deploying to the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. At that point she was not part of

NTG03, but as events unfolded in the Gulf she was brought into Operation Telic and became the first British ship in 21 years to

bombard a land target in anger.

The frigate also helped prevent a break-out by the remains of Saddam Hussein's navy – a surveil-lance team some miles inland had spotted three Iraqi vessels heading down the Shatt al'Arab waterway for the Gulf, and it was feared they might have been on a suicide mission or making a dash for freedom with senior military officers or members of Saddam's family on board.

Chatham closed off the mouth of the waterway and the craft abandoned their manoeuvre; one, a Bogomol-class patrol vessel, was left crippled in the waterway after Chatham called up an air strike by a British Tornado.

The frigate used her 4.5in gun, which has a range of about 11



miles, to bombard Iraqi military bunkers, and acted as the afloat headquarters of the American-planned 'psychological operations' division of the war.

Another ship on the gunline during the Allied assault on southern Iraq was Type 23 frigate HMS Richmond, also back in Portsmouth after a six-month deployment. deployment.

She had also been involved in protecting Coalition MCMVs around the Al Faw peninsula - at one point she was fired on by an Iraqi land-launched missile, but as it fell short of its target the frigate's antimissile systems did not need to be engaged.

Richmond left Portsmouth in February to take part in routine NATO patrols in the Gulf, but she soon became integrated into the Coalition fleet as operations in Iraq became imminent.

After the fighting had ceased, she remained in the Northern Gulf to help enforce sanctions against smugglers in the region, her crew stopping and boarding suspicious white

ships.
Once her work in the Gulf was over, she conducted defence diplomacy visits to ports in the United Arab Emirates, Oman and southern India.

Type 23 frigate HMS Northumberland returned to Devonport on the same day as Chatham – she had been part of the NATO force operating in the eastern Mediterranean on antiterrorism duties, checking shipping heading to and from the Middle East and acting as escort for Allied warships and auxiliaries

through the Suez Canal. Northumberland also left Devonport in January, but RFA Grey Rover has been on duty for two years, culminating in her stint in the Gulf during Operation Telic when she supplied fuel to Allied warships engaged in operations in

Iraq.
A more low-key welcome was afforded two of the RFA landing ships which also had vital roles to play - one of which made headlines around the world when she switched roles to carry humanitarian aid to the beleagured Iraqis in the Southern port of Umm Qasr. RFA Sir Tristram left

Marchwood on Southampton Water in January, carrying Royal Marines of 40 Commando and sol-diers of 8 Battery, Royal Artillery, and 51 Port Squadron Royal Logistics Corps, along with boats

and equipment.
Once she had delivered her 'cargo', she remained in theatre to support Operation Telic until fighting was all but over, when she made her way to Singapore for a

period of maintenance.
When she arrived back in the Gulf in mid-June she took up the duty of command and engineering platform for the four-strong mine countermeasures force, which she then escorted back to the UK.

Her voyage home was temporarily disrupted when she picked up a distress signal off Oman from the Egyptian freighter my Green Glory, which had a flooded engine room and was reportedly sinking. reportedly sinking.

Sir Tristram dashed 250 miles in heavy seas to get to the stricken freighter, where she acted as on-scene com-mander, co-ordinating the efforts of three other merchant ships and the US Navy ship Concord, which used a helicopter to airlift the crew to safety.

Sister ship RFA Sir Galahad's entry to Portsmouth was modest for a ship which was seen as having provided a turning-point in the war against Saddam.

The ship also carried a mix of Royal Marines and soldiers and their equipment to the Gulf, but she acquired her fame when on March 28 she became the first Coalition ship to enter the port of Umm Qasr, carrying more than 200 tonnes of aid, including such as rice, lentils and chickpeas, flour, bettled water and World Health. bottled water and World Health

Organisation medical packs. She had been on standby for several days as a ten-strong force of MCMVs and teams of divers worked round the clock to clear the waterways and port of mines. She was delayed twice - once by

poor weather, then when HMS Blyth and HMS Ledbury discovered two mines close to her prosage for humanitarian aid to enter

Grimsby co-ordinated the

 REMEMBRANCE: Commanding Officer RNAS Culdrose Capt Mike Knowles lays a wreath during the Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance held at Truro Cathedral for Lt Tom Adamas, USN, Lt Philip Green, Lt Marc Lawrence, Lt Tony King, Lt Philip West, Lt James Williams and Lt Andrew Wilson, who died when two RN Sea King helicopters collided during the war against Saddam Hussein

search for wreckage following the Sea King collision in which seven aircrew died, and the ship also helped widen the safe channel in the Khawr-abd-Allah waterway

which leads to Umm Qasr.
On completion of live clearance operations these two ships staged a military sea day for the United

Arab Emirates armed forces.
Shoreham – the Navy's newest minehunter – and Ramsey made a rapid transit to the region, taking five weeks to complete the long passage east of Suez.

Shoreham carried out important ordnanace disposal opera-tions, searching for Iraqi Scersucker missiles which had landed in the sea off the coast of Kuwait.

A highlight for HMS Grimsby was her hosting of a visit by Prime Minister Tony Blair while the ship was alongside in Umm Qasr.

All four warships were involved in a four-day joint exercise with the Royal Saudi Navy, with Shoreham acting as the flagship, while diplomacy visits were made to the UAE, Muscat and Oman.

Cdr Peter Lambourn, commander of the MCM force in the Gulf, said: "The operation was one of the most complex and potentially

hazardous in history.
"The waters of abd-Allah are narrow, shallow, littered with unmarked wrecks and scoured by strong tidal streams.

"Add to that the cocktail of

sandstorms, a hostile shoreline, the imminent threat of chemical and suicidal boat attack and an unknown number of mines and you have what could be called a challenging environment."



●HMS Grimsby is greeted by a water fanfare from the tugs Bustler and Powerful as she returned to Portsmouth from operations in the Gulf

posed route. Sir Galahad - with some of her fuel tanks emptied to mimimise risks if a stray mine had been encountered, and following the lead of minehunter HMS Sandown – slowly negotiated a safe, swept channel around 200 metres wide and some 50 miles long, taking around seven hours to complete.
She later returned to Umm

Qasr to provide a base for Royal Marines camped out in the desert her showers, comfortable bunks and good food proved a welcome

and good food proved a welcome respite for the troops.

Sir Galahad also had a spell of maintenance in Singapore before returning to the Gulf to load up with vehicles and equipment for the passage back to Britain.

Four Portsmouth-based minehunters have also returned after playing a crucial role in the war and its aftermath.

HMS Ledbury and Grimsby deployed in January with the main body of the RN Amphibious Task Group while Shoreham and Ramsey sailed in March. Ledbury had the key role of

'breakthrough' mine clearance operations in the coastal waters of southern Iraq, clearing a safe pas-

